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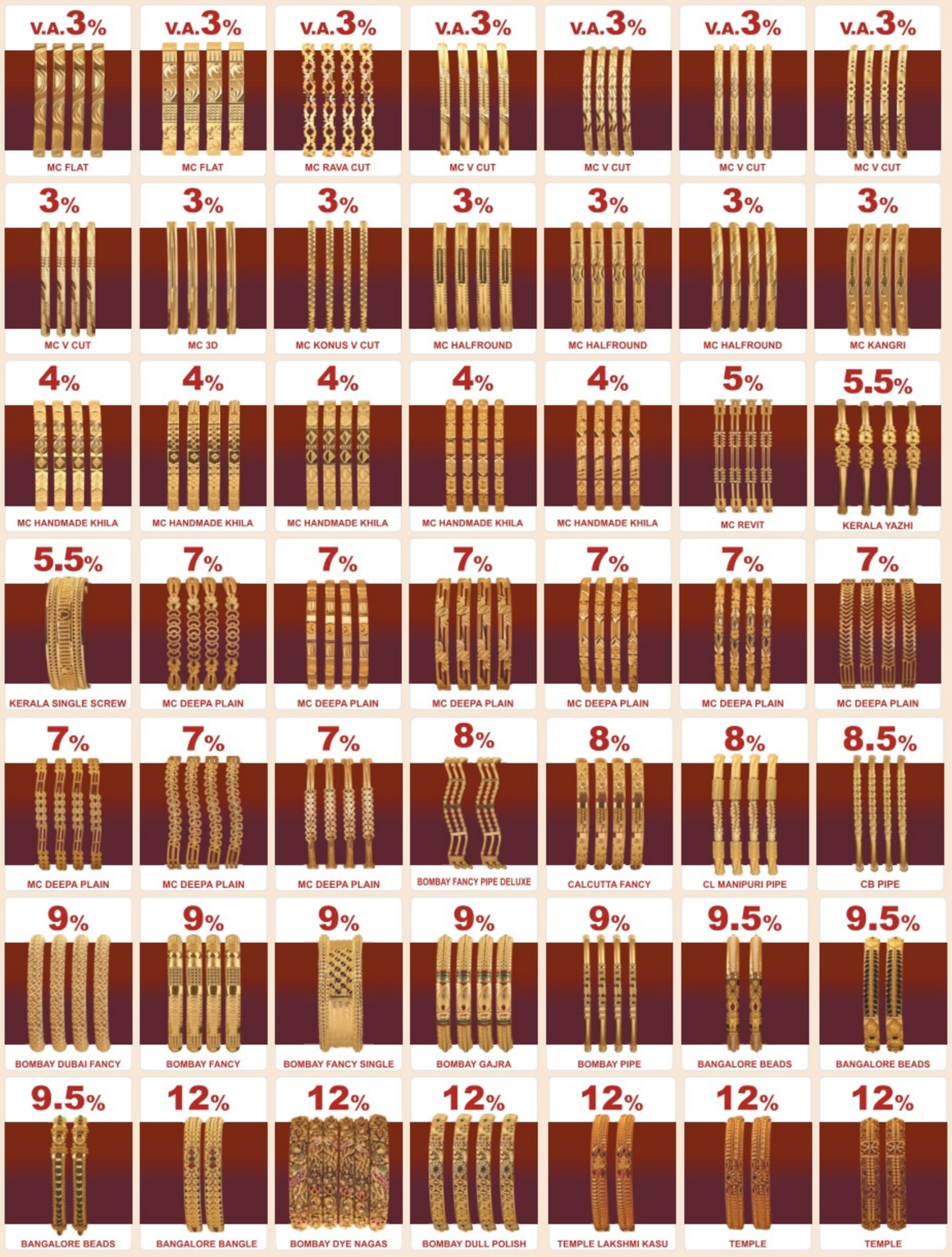

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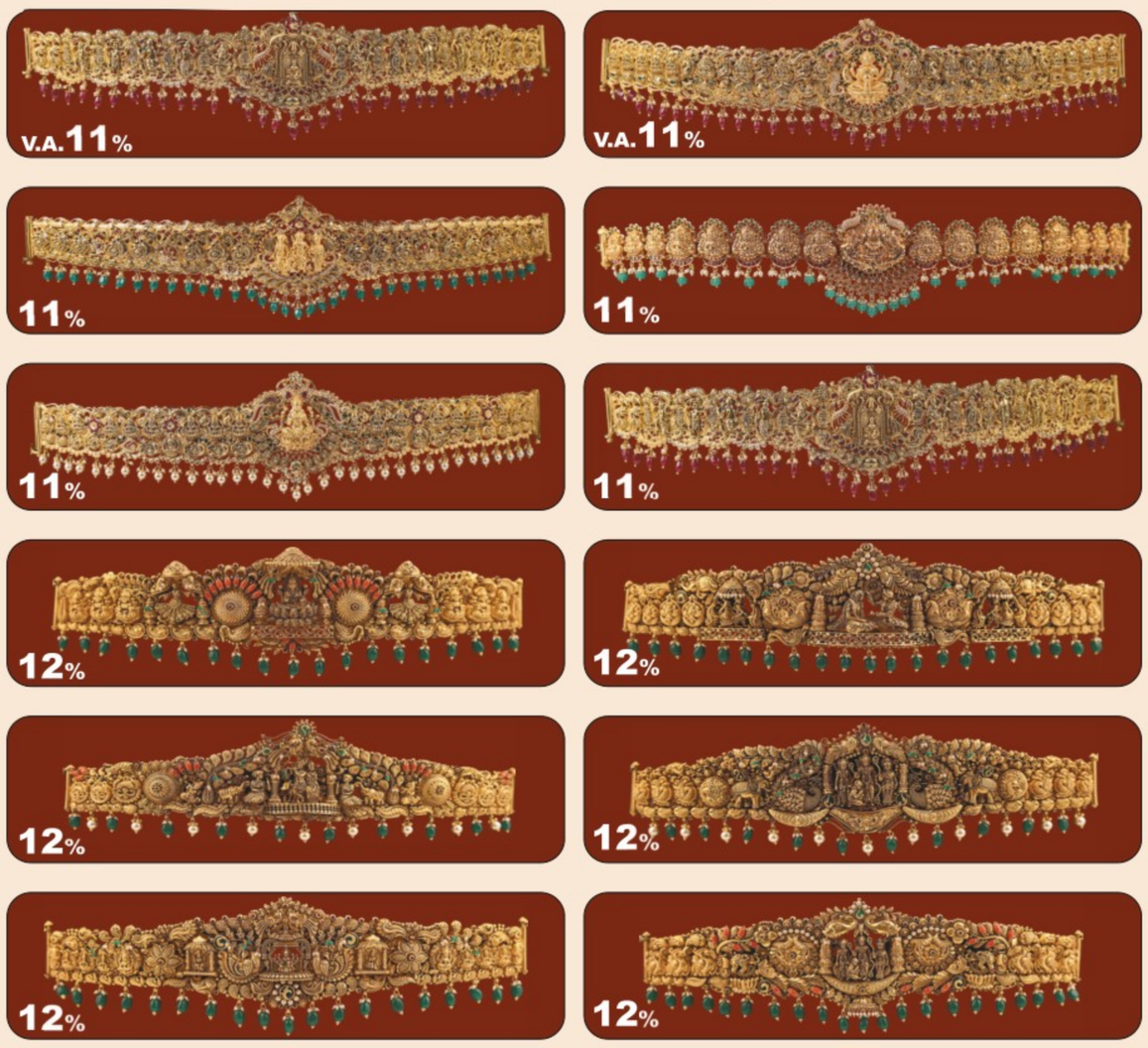

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BENGALURU
The State government has given an undertaking to the High Court of Karnataka that it would neither publish nor circulate the John Michael Cunha Commission report on the stampede. » PAGE 5

Govt. tweaks export plan as U.S. ups the trade ante

Tariff-hit sectors such as textiles and chemicals to become new focus of the scheme announced in the Budget; MSME exporters will get credit guarantees, speedy clearances, and export incentives

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The Indian government is tweaking its earlier plans for an Export Promotion Mission to make it more targeted towards specific sectors in the wake of the increased tariffs imposed by the U.S. on imports from India, *The Hindu* has learnt.

This would entail reducing the cost of credit for medium, small and micro enterprise (MSME) borrowers in the worst-hit sectors, expediting clearances, and providing them with some sort of export incentives. It is a joint effort across several Ministries and involves detailed consultations with industry stakeholders.

The sectors which will face the brunt of the U.S. tariffs are apparel and textiles, shrimp exporters, organic chemicals, and machinery and mechanical appliances, according to an analysis by the Global Trade Research Initiative.

"The Export Promotion Mission announced in the latest Budget is being tweaked now to provide more help to sectors that are likely to be hit by the [U.S.] tariffs," a senior government official told *The Hindu*, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"The broad contours are to provide credit guarantees to MSME exporters, speed up their clearances, and there is some discussion on how to provide export incentives," the official added.

In the Union Budget for 2025-26, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced an Export Promotion Mission with a ₹2,250 crore allocation for the current financial year, which would "facilitate easy access to export credit, cross-border factoring support, and support to MSMEs to tackle non-tariff measures in overseas markets".

The official said that the tweaked Mission would cover these targets as well, adding that the Mission would now include coordination with the Ministry of Textiles and Department of Fisheries, in addition to Ministries of Commerce, Finance, and MSME.

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Bracing for impact

The govt. is tweaking its Export Promotion Mission to target the sectors that will likely be worst-affected by Trump's tariffs

- Affected sectors will include **textiles, organic chemicals, and machinery**
- This effort, spanning across Ministries, provides **easier export credit access** and speedier clearances for **MSME exporters**
- An official confirmed that **a credit guarantee scheme** was being prepared to help exporters

Thousands of forest rights titles 'vanish' in Chhattisgarh records

Lost rights

Several individual forest rights titles distributed in at least three districts in Chhattisgarh have 'disappeared'

2,788 individual forest rights (IFR) titles have gone missing in Bastar district

50% of community forest resource titles in Rajnandgaon **reduced within a month** last year

- The Forest Rights Act, 2006 recognises the rights of Scheduled Tribes and other forest-dwelling communities to use forests

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Thousands of forest rights titles distributed across at least three districts in Chhattisgarh seem to have disappeared from the records of the State government's Tribal Welfare Department at various points over the last 17 months, according to documents accessed by *The Hindu* through the Right to Information Act.

State government officials claimed that the earlier, higher figures were faulty, due to "miscommunication and error in reporting", which has now been corrected.

The data, which was provided in response to an RTI query by *The Hindu*, showed that as of May, a total of 4.82 lakh IFR titles and 4,396 CFRR titles had been distributed across 30 districts of the State.

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ED searches residence of Congress MLA Satish Sail

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A team led by six officials of the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted a search in the residence of Congress MLA Satish Sail at Sadashivgad near Karwar on Wednesday.

The ED team reached the house early in the morning and the search continued till late night.

At the time of the raid Mr. Sail was not home and his family members were cooperating with the searches, sources said.

At least 15 premises in Karnataka, Goa and Mumbai are being searched under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, sources said.

The Special Court for MLAs and MPs convicted Mr. Sail in the Belekeri illegal iron ore export case, but the High Court stayed the conviction, and he is out of prison now.

Rain or shine

Step by step: Youngsters practice a dance on a slushy track during the full dress rehearsal for Independence Day celebrations, at Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw Parade Ground, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR (REPORT ON PAGE 2)

CCB files chargesheet in DGP Om Prakash murder case; daughter's name excluded

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police filed a chargesheet in the case of the murder of retired DGP Om Prakash, giving a clean chit to his daughter, Kriti. It stated that no evidence was found on her involvement in the crime.

The 1,150-page chargesheet filed before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court mentioned that though Kriti was on the first floor of the house at the time of the murder, there was no evidence about her involvement, and hence, charges have been dropped, a senior police officer said.

Pallavi, wife of Om Prakash, has been accused of stabbing him to death over a property dispute at their house, in HSR Layout, on April 20. Pallavi was allegedly upset that she was not getting her due share, and following an argument over the issue, stabbed him with a knife, the charge sheet stated.

Om Prakash

A 1981-batch IPS officer hailing from Bihar, Om Prakash, 64, was found dead in a pool of blood on the ground floor of his three-storeyed house, while his wife and daughter were found inside the house.

Probe revealed that Pallavi allegedly threw chilli powder on Om Prakash's face before stabbing him to death following a heated argument at the dining table. The HSR Layout police registered a case of murder against Pallavi and Kriti following a complaint by Om Prakash's son, Kartikesh, who was living in a separate house.

Son's complaint

According to Kartikesh, his mother had been threatening to kill Om Prakash over the property row. In his complaint, Kartikesh mentioned that his father had moved to his sister Sarita Kumari's house due to these threats. However, he claimed that two days before the murder, Kriti visited their aunt's house and pressured their father to return home and brought him back against his will.

Considering the accused's mental condition, the police admitted Kriti to NIMHANS for evaluation, while Pallavi was subjected to medical examination before recording her statement.

Pallavi allegedly maintained that she alone killed her husband and Kriti had no role in it. She also claimed that Kriti is mentally upset due to alleged domestic violence at home. After killing her husband, Pallavi reportedly made a video call to the wife of another retired DG and IGP, declaring ominously, "I have finished the monster."

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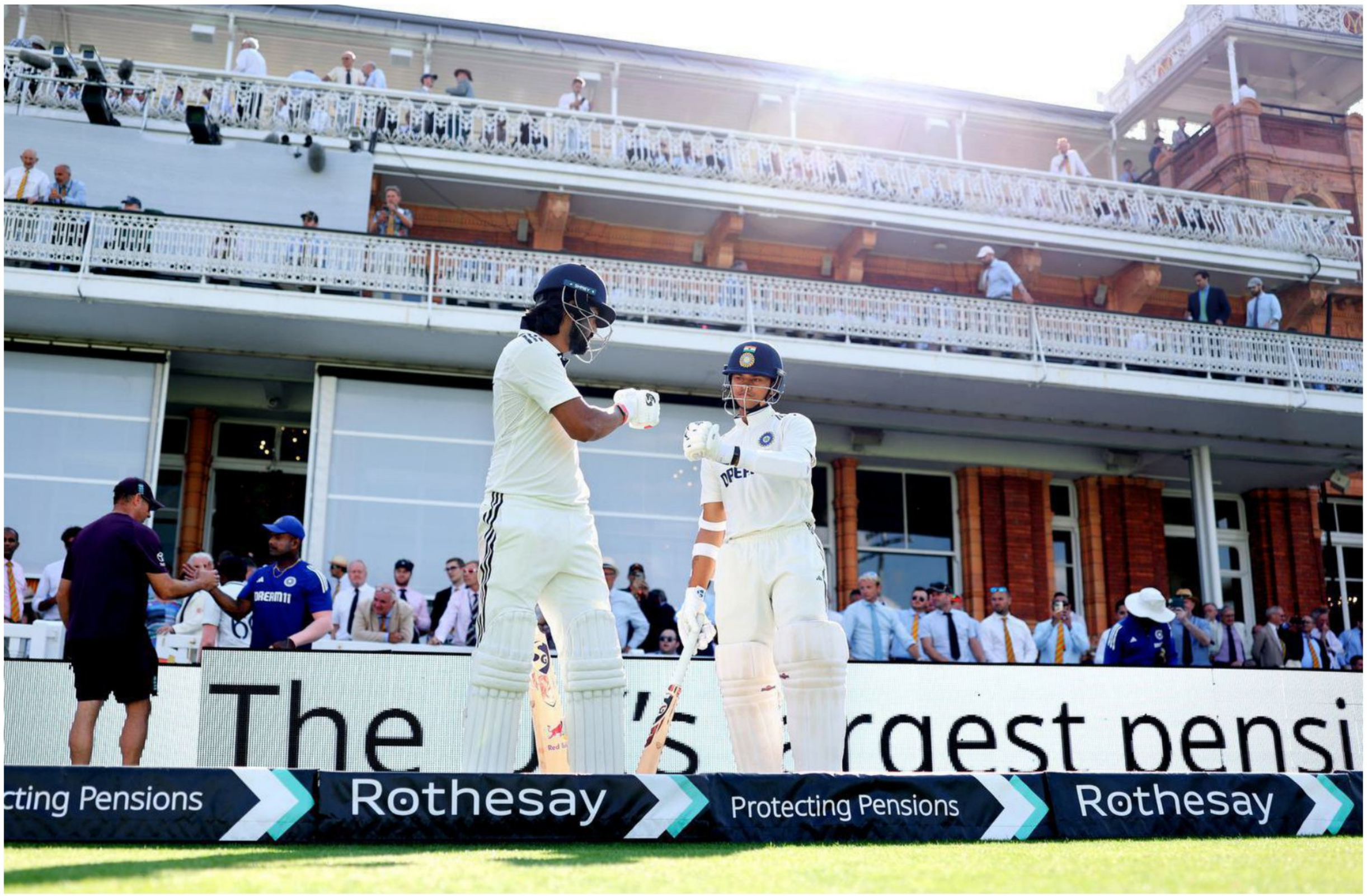

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Open and shut case: Jaiswal and Rahul making headway as a partnership at the top

The two may have initially come together as an opening pair in Perth last year as a stop-gap arrangement in Rohit's absence, but having coped well to the challenges against Australia and England away from home, this is an association ready to make greater strides

Vivek Krishnan

When Yashasvi Jaiswal and K.L. Rahul opened the batting in the first Test against Australia in Perth last November, a stopgap arrangement for all of one game was what it seemed. With Rohit Sharma, then skipper, choosing to opt out of that Test to be present for the birth of his second child, India needed a temporary fix alongside the incumbent Jaiswal at the top of the order.

There were two options heading into the game. There was Abhimanyu Easwaran, who had been picked in the squad as a reserve opener for precisely such a scenario. And then there was Rahul, who had just begun getting accustomed to the middle-order role in whites.

The man from Karnataka had been a specialist opener for most of his career, but he had played his last six Tests in the middle order, and had even peeled off a sublime hundred against South Africa at Centurion at No. 6.

As unjust as it was to Abhimanyu, the team management turned towards Rahul.

There was an element of risk for Rahul in agreeing to return to face the new ball, for he was opening himself to further instability in a frustratingly stop-start career. After all, he may have had to return to the middle order or face omission altogether for the very next game with Rohit due to be back in Adelaide to rekindle a partnership with the left-handed Jaiswal that had gone swimmingly over the preceding 15 months.

But Rahul, the quintessential team man given his flexibility and propensity to take up different roles including wicket-keeping when necessary, stepped into the breach as Jaiswal's opening partner. The first innings on a typically fast and bouncy pitch at the Perth Stadium didn't go well for either. Jaiswal was dismissed for a duck in the third over, his first aggressive shot against the left-arm pace of Mitchell Starc producing a thick edge to Nathan McSweeney at gully.

Rahul exhibited admirable patience against a probing Australian attack for the first hour and a bit, but Starc would make him his second victim with a faint edge to Alex Carey behind the stumps. In what had been a recurring pattern in his decade of international cricket, he was watertight in his defence and languid in his strokeplay during the 111 minutes he spent at the crease, but then at the end of his innings, all he had in terms of runs next to his name was 26. India went on to be bowled out for 150 inside 50 overs, and there was reason to fear the worst at the dawn of a long series on the back of three straight defeats to New Zealand at home.

When Jaiswal and Rahul returned to the crease for the second innings, they had been given a lifeline alright by the bowlers who had skittled out Australia for 104 to pocket an expected 46-run lead. But could the openers capitalise?

The answer was a resounding yes as Jaiswal and Rahul stitched together a 201-run partnership for the first wicket – the highest-ever by an Indian opening pair against Australia. With Jaiswal racking up a score of 161 and Rahul contributing 77, they set up India's mammoth total of 487 for six declared and paved the way for the bowlers to deliver an emphatic 295-run victory.

Moving on from Rohit

It's another matter that India still lost the series 1-3, but the seeds for the Jaiswal-Rahul opening combination getting a longer run were sown there and then. As the shadows lengthened and the partnership surged on that second evening in Perth, Rohit must have read the writing on the wall. Despite forging a good understanding with the young Jaiswal at the top of the order himself – their overall partnership tally of 1269 runs in 28 innings at 45.32 is the sixth-highest for India – the fact that his form had taken a beating in the previous few months probably meant it was in the team's best interests for him to slide to No. 6 and not disturb the first-wicket pair that had worked so well. He did just that for the next two Tests before getting back to opening alongside Jaiswal in the Melbourne Test in a last-ditch attempt at salvaging his form, but returns of 3 and 9 extinguished his hopes in what turned out to be his final Test appearance.

With the fundamentals that Jaiswal and Rahul displayed on bowler-friendly pitches in Australia – playing on merit, offering due regard to the new ball and cashing in when the conditions were ripe – there was little doubt by the end of that series that this was an opening pair that could apply itself and combat England in England. And their returns over the past six weeks, admittedly on decks where the balance was conversely tilted towards the batters, have largely vindicated that belief.

Across the five Tests in a thoroughly engrossing series that captured the imagination of the English public à la the Ashes two decades ago, they stitched together three fifty-plus stands and in the process allowed the likes of Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant to often get their eye in against a softer Dukes ball. With more than 400 runs each in the series, they pulled their weight individually too.

The tone was set in the very first innings of the first Test at Headingley, when they saw off a smidgen of movement for the English pacers early on and added 91 runs for the opening wicket in India's total of 471. In view of the considerable trepidation at the start about the ability of a batting unit in the throes of a major transition without Rohit and Virat Kohli, this was exactly the sort of stress-busting beginning that the dressing room required.

Their overall partnership numbers may not yet scream for attention: 624 runs in 18 innings at an average of 36.7. But after nine Tests in Australia and England, it is safe to assume that the challenges for Jaiswal and Rahul in the matches ahead will only get easier.

Complementary traits

Like most successful opening partnerships, there is a complementary set of attributes that the left-right duo brings to the table. Jaiswal relishes width outside off-stump. Rahul tends to leave deliveries in that channel all day long. The cut shot against pace is Jaiswal's bread and butter.

Rahul's classical cover drive is as good as any in the modern game. They may not differ physically in the manner that say the tall Zak Crawley and the diminutive Ben Duckett do, but their styles provide enough of a variance for bowlers to have to alter their lines and lengths.

Historically, India's partnerships at the top of the order in this format haven't been its strong suit. That Jaiswal and Rahul are already 16th on the list of most runs by an opening alliance for India is revealing. Unlike Australia with prolific pairs like Hayden-Langer, Lawry-Simpson and Slater-Taylor or England with Cook-Strauss, Hobbs-Sutcliffe and Hutton-Washbrook over the years, there simply haven't been too many in India that could lay claim to enduring success. Sunil Gavaskar and Chetan Chauhan strode out in tandem for an eight-year span from 1973 to 1981, tallying 3010 runs in 59 innings at an average of 53.75. The only other Indian duo to score more than 3000 runs together were Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir, whose 87 innings as a partnership yielded 4412 runs at 52.52.

For Jaiswal and Rahul to etch similar numbers will be a steep ask for sure, but it's certainly not beyond their doing. At 23, Jaiswal, with 2209 runs in 24 Tests at an average a fraction above 50, has the world seemingly at his feet. He has already notched up centuries in Australia and England, and rode roughshod over the Englishmen at home. Having made the move from the hinterlands of Uttar Pradesh to the bustling streets of Mumbai, the ravenous appetite to keep producing the runs stands out as well.

Rahul is at a very different stage in his career, but at 33, his best years could still be ahead of him. Technically, he remains one of the best going around as his high control percentages during the England series testify.

The issue with Rahul has been that he tends not to do full justice to his ability, but the responsibility of being the senior statesman in this revamped outfit under Gill is one that may have sparked a transformation.

While West Indies and South Africa will tour the subcontinent during the upcoming home season for four Tests, India's next assignment against its recent opponents is when Australia tour in early 2027.

If Jaiswal and Rahul are still at the top of the order then, you can rest assured that they have shaped up just fine. Not bad for something that began as a stop-gap arrangement, eh?

THE GIST

- When Rohit decided to opt out of the Perth Test, Rahul, the quintessential teamman with flexibility, was picked over reserve Abhimanyu, as Jaiswal's partner
- After the Test series in Australia, there was little doubt that the new opening pair could combat England in England; it did so with more than 400 runs each in the series
- Jaiswal and Rahul, with complementary set of attributes, have already placed themselves 16th on the list of most runs by an opening alliance for India.

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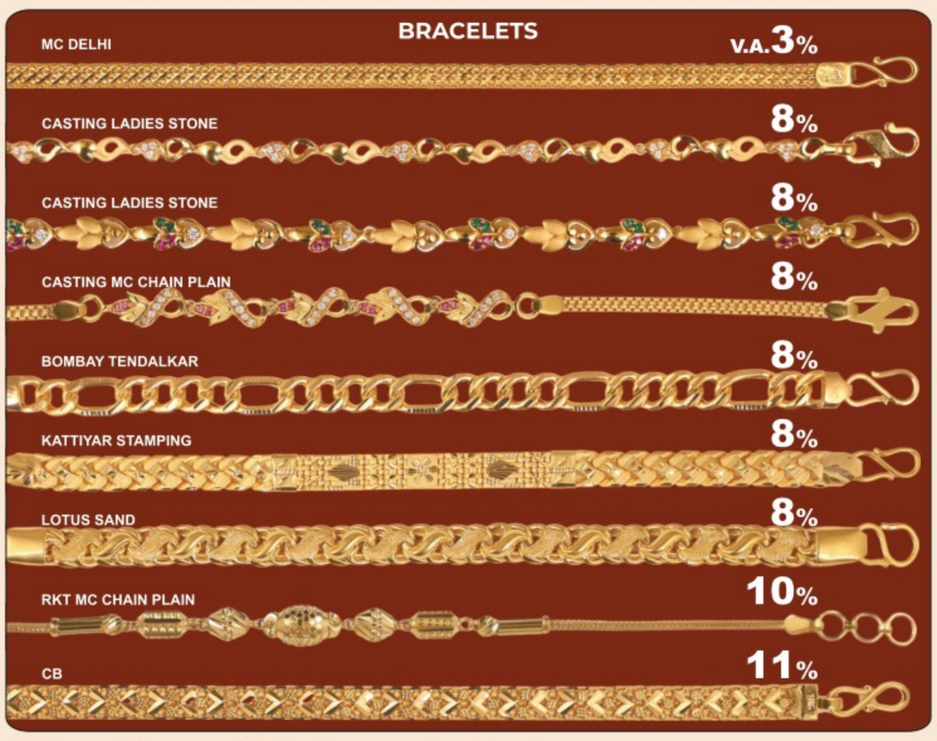

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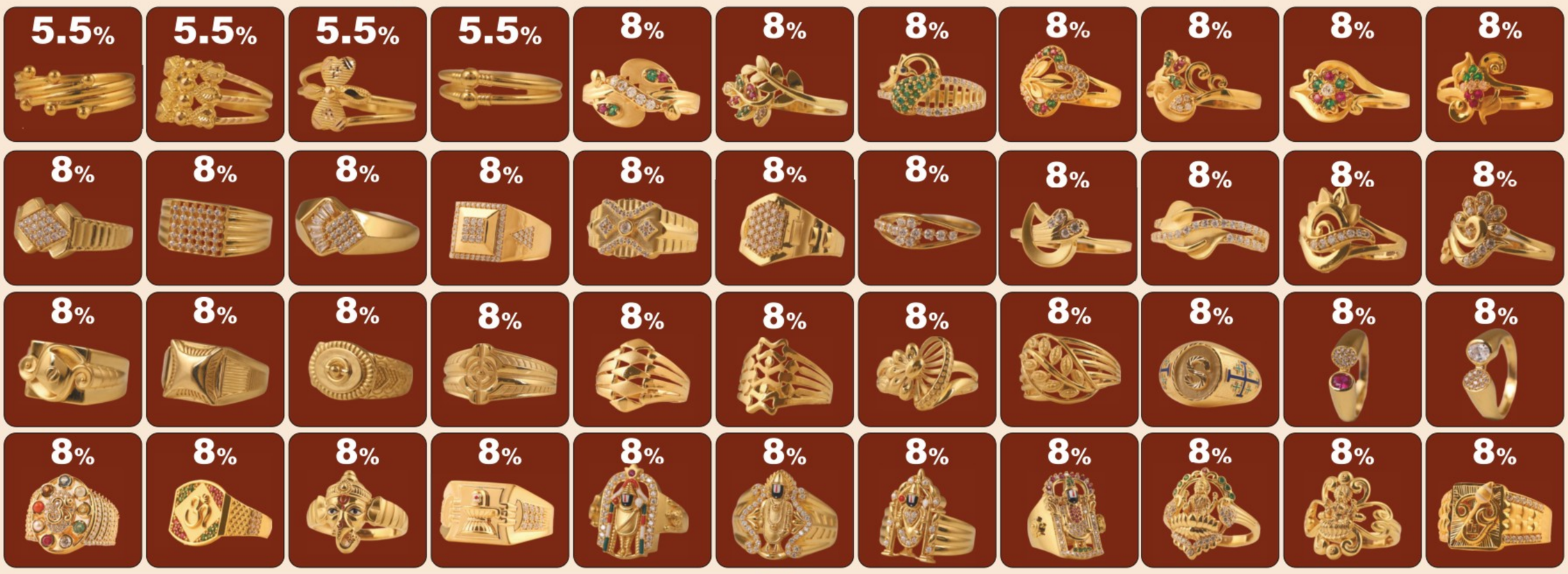

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79th I-Day celebrations to feature 35 police contingents

Event will see a performance by 650 children commemorating Karnataka women who took part in the freedom struggle

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 79th Independence Day will be celebrated at the Field Marshal Manekshaw parade ground in the heart of the city on Friday, with 1,150 members of 35 police force contingents taking part in the ceremonial parade.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will hoist the flag at 9 a.m., receive the salute, and later address the crowd. The event will witness a performance by 650 children commemorating the women from Karnataka who took part in the freedom struggle, according to a press release by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

As many as 500 students of Seshadripuram Pre-University College will stage a performance depicting five guarantees of the Congress government, and 253 members of the Karnataka police will participate in a mass band.

Child's play: Schoolchildren at a rehearsal ahead of the Independence Day celebrations, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The 35 contingents taking part in the parade include the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the City Armed Reserve (CAR), the Goa police, the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF), the traffic police, the women police, the Home Guards, the traffic wardens, the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services (KSFES), the canine squad, and a band squad.

The Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner's office has started issuing free passes for the programme on the Seva Sindhu portal. As many as 3,000 passes will be issued, among which 100 have been issued already. Physical passes can also be collected at the Assistant Commissioner's and the Deputy Commissioner's offices.

Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh announced that an elaborate bandobast plan has been chalked out for the programme, with 2,000 officers being deployed around the ground. The announcement was made after the final parade practice on Wednesday.

In addition to 500 cameras in the vicinity of the ground, the police are installing an additional 100. A strict frisking procedure will be in place before the entry.

Handheld metal detectors, door frame metal detectors, and baggage scanners will be deployed for additional security measures.

The public are strictly allowed to enter through Gate 5 only and should occupy blocks seven, eight and nine. E-pass holders must carry valid ID proof, and the public must be seated inside by 8.30 a.m., and no latecomers will be entertained.

Any sharp objects, matchboxes, knives, pamphlets, food and snacks, water bottles, video and still cameras, firecrackers, explosives, and weapons won't be allowed. No one can wear black clothing.

Traffic restrictions

To ensure smooth flow of traffic, the police have announced traffic diversions and parking restrictions around the Central Business District (CBD) from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Domestic travel booms owing to long Independence Day weekend

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The upcoming extended weekend [Independence Day on Friday followed by Saturday and Sunday] has led to many people from Bengaluru make domestic travel plans.

With Krishna Janmashtami also falling on August 16, both to and fro travel from Bengaluru has increased.

"The extended weekend is driving a substantial increase in travel from Bengaluru with demand for flights, hotels, and holiday packages noticeably higher than last year. There is a clear preference for bookings to popular and easily accessible getaway destinations such as Goa, which have jumped by more than 80%. The increased demand on key routes to Mumbai and New Delhi has pushed fares higher during peak hours," said Rikant Pittie, CEO and co-founder of EaseMyTrip.

A few others have also been opting for destinations in Karnataka which can be reached in a few hours owing to the limited time that the weekend offers. "Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru, which are the usual favourites during monsoon are gaining traction with many looking to book properties there while we have seen a slight increase in arrivals to Bengaluru too. As North Karnataka is too hot to travel during summer, we have seen a little bit of demand to destinations like Hampi over this weekend," said Prathap Gowda, manager at a private tour organising agency.

Puducherry, Kerala, and Hyderabad have also attracted many bookings from travellers from the city.

According to PeekABoo, Cleartrip's travel trends tracker, popular air routes to/from Bengaluru are Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Goa, Pune, Hyderabad, Varanasi, and Jaipur among others. Similarly, popular bus routes include Hyderabad, Chennai, Coimbatore, Vijayawada, and Pune. It has also noted that there has been a 60% increase in bookings for hotels in Bengaluru.

Despite the increased demand, fares continue to be stable across multiple modes of transport. "I am travelling to Delhi this weekend to belatedly celebrate Raksha Bandhan. I had expected the flight tickets to be expensive than usual due to the long weekend. But it was only ₹1,500 more than usual, which is not a significant amount," said Riya Jadhav, a bank employee.

International destinations like Kuala Lumpur, Bali, Don Mueang, Bangkok etc. which can be covered in a shorter period have also been preferred.

The long weekend also led to traffic snarls on Wednesday evening in places like Silk Board, Hebbal, and Old Madras Road which connect the city with highways.

Persistent rains paralyse city traffic

Motorists make their way in the pouring rain and two women use a covering to protest themselves in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Office-goers on Wednesday morning struggled as fresh spells of overnight and early-morning rains left major junctions across the city flooded, bringing traffic to a standstill in several areas. The congestion worsened by evening after further showers.

Parts of the Central Business District (CBD), Hebbal junction, Nagawara, Ballari Road, Koramangala, and Tavarekere experienced heavy traffic in the morning, which intensified significantly by evening.

The Intermediate Ring Road in the southern part of the city, particularly near Koramangala, Old Madras Road (OMR), and St. John's junction (connecting Sarjapur and Marathahalli Roads), witnessed bottlenecks that disrupted vehicular movement along bylanes on Wednesday morning.

By evening, both the CBD and East Bengaluru were paralysed by traffic compounded by persistent rains. Major snarls were reported on Kasturinagar Road towards MMT, K.R. Puram metro station towards Benniganahalli, the Old Udaya TV junction towards Jayamahal Road, from Town Hall towards City Market Circle, and from Devarabeesanahalli towards Bellandur.

According to data from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), eight trees were uprooted and at least 16 incidents of snapped branches were reported. Clearance operations were under way. In August alone, 119 trees have been uprooted.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast light to moderate rains or thundershowers, accompanied by gusty winds for Thursday.

Harish Kumar transfered

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Harish Kumar K. has been transferred as Special Commissioner (Finance), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), a post he was holding the additional charge of and presented the city's civic budget for 2025-26.

Karee Gowda, who was Zonal Commissioner, Yelahanka Zone, has been transferred as Chief Executive Officer, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML).

1950 quake that broke mountains is a portend of things to come

As the Indian plate moves forward, earthquakes are a part of its future; yet our current knowledge does not allow us to predict when, where, or how strong the next quake will be; what is known is that the area is the most seismically active and could generate a 1950-type earthquake in the future

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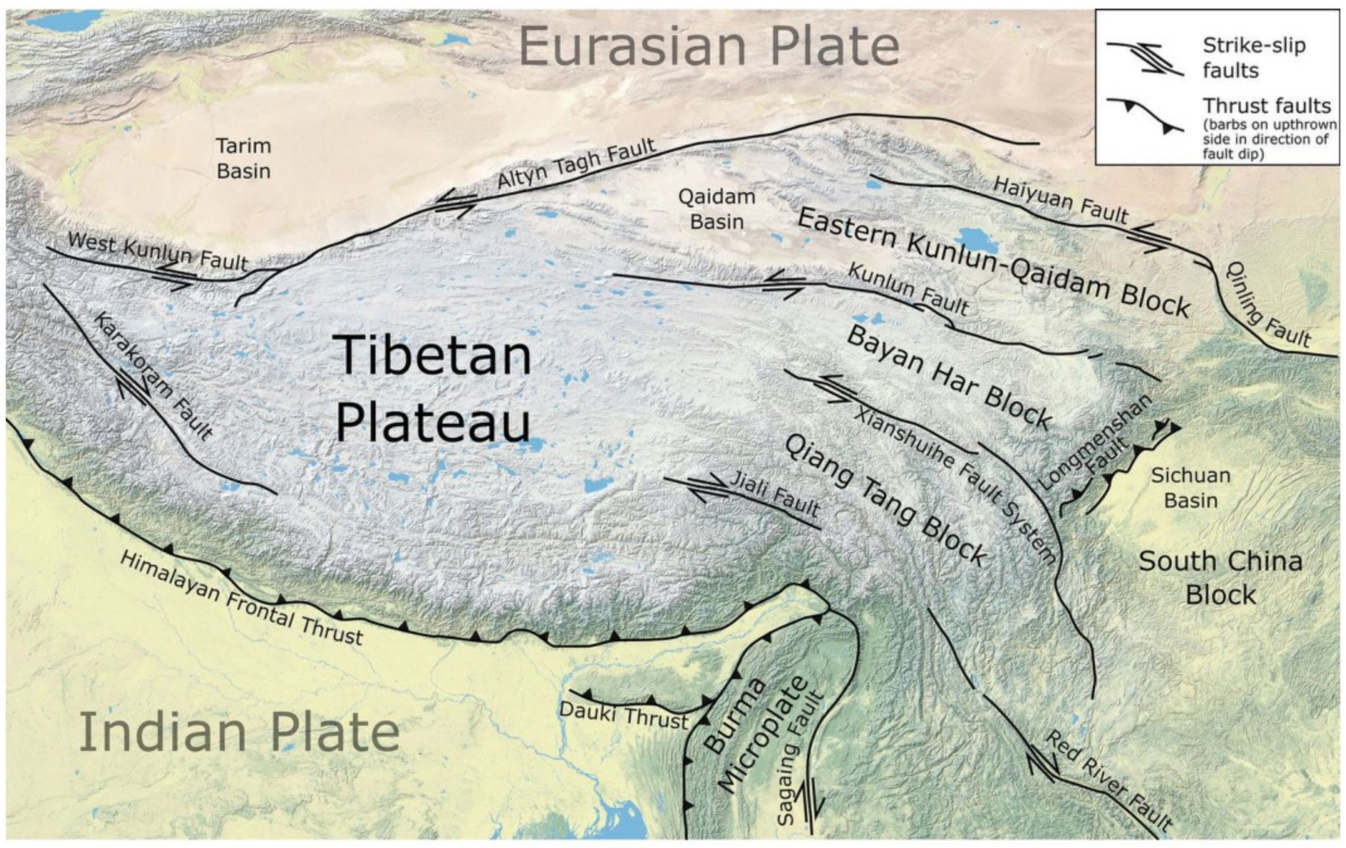

The Great Assam Earthquake occurred along the boundary where the Indian and Eurasian Plates collided, near the eastern terminus of the Himalayas, at a depth of 15 km. MIKE NORTON (CC BY-SA)

On August 15, 1950, India was celebrating its Independence Day. The mood was upbeat throughout the country. Just as celebrations were winding down for the day, a great disaster struck. At around 7:30 pm, an earthquake of magnitude 8.6 – the strongest ever recorded on land – jolted the country's Northeast and some neighbouring areas beyond the border.

According to some reports, the earth shook for about four to eight minutes. Mountains stumbled and buildings fell, causing widespread death and destruction. An English botanist and explorer named Frank Kingdon-Ward was camping at Rima (Zayu) on the day. He reported later: "I was seated writing my diary near the entrance to our tent. Suddenly, after the faintest tremor, there came an appalling noise, and the earth began to shake violently. ... We were immediately thrown to the ground. The lantern too was knocked over and went out instantly."

The earthquake was felt over an area of 3 million sq. km across India, Myanmar, and Bangladesh, Tibet, and South China. It wrecked homes, farms, and railway tracks, bridges, and other utilities. A field investigation report described how "rail tracks were torn up and twisted into snake-like patterns", in a vivid demonstration of how the land and structures deform in response to shear waves. On the Indian side alone, more than 1,500 people lost their lives, and 50,000 to 1,00,000 cattle were killed. The quake was felt as far afield as Lhasa and Sichuan, and in Yunnan province in China. In the Medog area of Eastern Tibet, Yedong village slid into the Yarlung Zangbo river, and more than 4,000 casualties were reported from Tibet. Severe damage was wrought in the Sibsagar-Sadiya area of Assam as well.

More destruction was to follow in the days after the earthquake. Many hills had been sheared by the earthquake. Rocky debris falling into the valleys below blocked rivers – before giving way days later, producing flash floods downstream that killed hundreds of people living on the rivers' banks.

On September 9, two weeks after the earthquake, the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said in a nationwide broadcast on All India Radio: "The Brahmaputra was blocked up for a while, and then broke through, they came down with a rush and a roar, a high wall of water sweeping down and flooding large areas and washing away villages and fields and gardens. ... The remains of villages, animals, including cattle and elephants, and large quantities of timber floated down these raging waters...".

Revisiting the earthquake

The source of the Great Assam Earthquake lay 40 km west of Rima (Zayu), the village near the India-Tibet border in the Mishmi hills where Kingdon-Ward was camped. The quake occurred along the boundary where the Indian and Eurasian Plates collided, near the eastern terminus of the Himalayas, at a depth of 15 km. The rupture extended from the Mishmi thrust of the Eastern Himalayas to the Himalayan Frontal Thrust of Arunachal Pradesh, completing a curvilinear motion around the mountainous bend (see image above).

As it happened, the shaking also occurred at a time when seismographic networks were expanding worldwide, providing great impetus to earthquake monitoring and the subsequent development of the theory of plate tectonics. It was also the time instrumental monitoring of earthquakes in India had started. India had the Meteorological Department (IMD) set up its first seismological observatory at Alipore in Kolkata district in 1898.

Today, we understand the Great Assam Earthquake happened on a plate boundary formed by the collision of continental plates, like those along other parts of the Himalayan plate boundary. However, it is differentiated by the fact that its source was in the Eastern Himalaya, which is tectonically very complex. GPS data indicate that while the Indian and Eurasian continental plates are converging at about 20 mm/year on average across the Himalayas, in the Eastern Himalayas it ranges from 10 mm to 38 mm/year.

The aftermath of an earthquake in Shigatse City, Tibet on January 7, 2025. REUTERS

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This variation could very well be due to difficulties in capturing tectonic complexity and differences in data quality. While the main arcuate Himalaya plate boundary resulted from the collision of the Indian and Eurasian plates, the Sunda plate is also involved in the northeastern Himalaya, creating a complex structure.

Due to plate rotation, major structural elements also take sharp turns, and the regional strike shifts from the general NE-SW direction to the NW-SE direction post-collision, forming what geologists call the Eastern Himalayan Syntaxis (EHS). This is where the Great Assam Earthquake likely occurred.

Unlike other Himalayan earthquakes, which have exhibited a thrusting mechanism – where one block of the fault thrusts over the other – the Assam earthquake displayed a component of strike-slip motion, with both blocks sliding past each other along the fault. This suggested it was connected with the EHS trending in the NW-SE direction.

Models also indicate a thrusting component, likely resulting from the propagation of earthquake faulting towards the west, where thrust tectonics are predominant. The possibility of multiple faults being linked to the Assam earthquake is also supported by the distribution of revised aftershock locations, spread over a wide zone east of the main shock epicentre.

Indeed, most researchers believe the earthquake may have started off on the Syntaxial bend while also activating Himalayan thrust faults to the west. Historical documents from the Ahom period (1228-1826) reveal the Northeast India region experienced earthquakes in 1548, 1596, and 1697 AD, all of uncertain magnitudes. Geological studies have also revealed a major medieval earthquake between 1262 and 1635 AD.

Quakes of the future

Looking back, the Great Assam Earthquake delivered to scientists a significant lesson on the destructive potential of major earthquakes in the Himalayas. Can a similar earthquake strike Northeast India again? As the Indian plate continues to move forward, earthquakes are an integral part of its future. Yet our current knowledge doesn't allow us to predict when, where, or how strong the next quake will be.

For now, we only know the Central Himalayas are the most potentially active segment and could generate a 1950-type earthquake in the future.

The seismic event also highlighted that we are more vulnerable today, primarily due to the exponential growth of the built environment and urban areas, leaving the landscape to look very different from the way it did 75 years ago.

As we plan for more developmental activities and undertake heavy infrastructural projects, including large dams, in this tectonically fragile area, we must reflect on the images from the 1950 quake.

Finally, the event also proved the Himalayan tectonic segments along the 2,500-km-long stretch are fully capable of producing earthquakes of magnitude 8.6 or higher.

As both China and India prepare to build large hydroelectric projects in the Eastern Himalayan bend, one of the most seismically vulnerable parts of the majestic range, it's clear the road ahead will be long and challenging.

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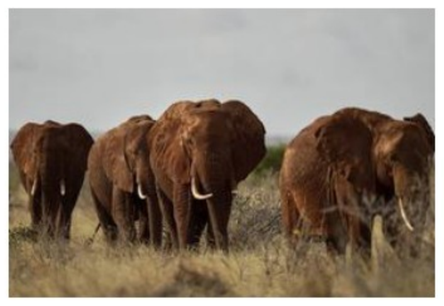

Elephants in Tsavo West National Park in Taita-Taveta County, Kenya, on August 7, 2025. AP

Kenyan farmers use bees, sesame to keep pillaging elephants away

Associated Press

For farmers in the Taita hills in southern Kenya, elephants are a menace: they raid crops and will occasionally injure or even kill people.

Farmer Richard Shika, 68, has had some close encounters. "One time, I was trying to chase away an elephant that was in my maize field, but it turned and charged at me," Shika remembers. "It stopped when it was right in front of me, and I managed to jump out of the way."

He feels lucky to be alive. Almost exactly two years ago, local media reported that a three-year-old girl had been trampled to death by an elephant in Taita Taveta county, her mother injured.

The area where Shika has his farm is almost surrounded by Kenya's biggest National Park. The border of Tsavo East National Park is less than 10 km to the east, and Tsavo West curves around to the north, west, and south. The parks have always been unfenced, allowing animals to migrate. Increasingly, that puts them in the path of humans.

"The places and infrastructure that we humans develop hinder the migratory routes and paths that elephants used to take," explains Yuka Luvonga, who researches human-elephant coexistence for conservation organization Save The Elephants.

Elephants eat about 150 kg of vegetation a day, so keeping them off farms is tricky, especially if forage is scarce elsewhere.

"Elephants are clever creatures," says Shika. "They will try touching a fence, and once they realise that it is not electrified, they charge through."

Farmers have hung hives from wires. If an elephant touches the wire, the hives are rocked, disturbing the bees. It's an army of tiny guards that keeps elephants away from farms

If farmers try to chase them off, as Shika did, the elephants will sometimes turn and defend themselves. The Kenya Wildlife Service and conservation organisations tracking human-elephant conflict estimate that 30-35 people are killed every year in elephant-related incidents across Kenya.

Communities will sometimes retaliate by spearing or poisoning elephants, but there are other solutions, as farmers here have found.

One of them is bees.

"Elephants don't like getting stung by bees, so they keep away from areas where hives are," Shika says.

With help from Save The Elephants, Shika is one of 50 farmers who have hung beehives from wires between poles around their farms. If an elephant touches the wire, the hives are rocked, disturbing the bees. It's an army of tiny security guards that keeps elephants well away from the farm.

Changing crops can also make a difference. Elephants love maize and watermelons. But sesame? Blegh.

Sesame plants produce a scent that actively repels elephants, so for 70-year-old Gertrude Jackim, swapping out maize and green grams for sesame was a no-brainer. "Look at me, I'm ageing, so I can't fend off the elephants or chase them away," she says.

She is one of 100 farmers who have been supported to adopt sesame seed production. The change was urgently needed, she says. "Over the years, the elephants have become too destructive."

Farming practices that deter elephants – like beekeeping and growing sesame – have made coexistence much easier for farmers like Shika and Jackim.

Conservationists hope that in the long run, this will win hearts and minds in an area where human-elephant conflict had reached worrying levels.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Domesticating and breeding dogs

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Archaeological evidence has shown that this prehistoric culture in West Asia, existing more than 8,000 years ago, often buried dogs alongside human remains. These burials suggest a deep social, symbolic, and possibly spiritual connection between people and their canine companions at the time. Name the culture.

QUESTION 2
In the mid-19th century, this scientist's extensive breeding experiments with pigeons helped illustrate how human selection could alter species. His insights into variation and artificial selection also shaped his theories about the domestication of dogs over thousands of years. Name him.

QUESTION 3
The variants of the AMY2B gene, first linked to starch digestion in humans, are more numerous in dogs than in _____. Scientists believe changes in this gene likely allowed the first dogs to thrive on diets provided by humans, which in turn supported their integration into farming communities thousands of years ago. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 4
Believed to be the ancestor of all modern domestic dogs, the X wolves — which are extinct today — diverged from other wolves more than 15,000 years ago. Its descendants gradually adapted to life alongside humans through changes in behaviour, diet, and social structure. Name X.

QUESTION 5
This type of genetic marker, found throughout the dog genome, is commonly used by scientists to trace the ancestry of the breed, study domestication patterns, and identify genes linked to physical traits or inherited diseases in modern canine populations. What are these markers called?

Answers to August 12 quiz:
1. Theory to explain why metals could burn without gaining mass – **Ans: Phlogiston**
2. Medium presumed to allow light to travel in space – **Ans: Aether; special relativity**
3. Idea that allowed life to arise from mud, meat, grain – **Ans: Spontaneous generation**
4. Theory overturned by palaeomagnetic data, seafloor spreading – **Ans: Continental drift**
5. Scientist who, with James Dewar, found absolute zero – **Ans: Heike Kamerlingh Onnes**
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Visual: The Soviet scientist Dmitry Belyaev led a decades-long experiment to breed Y (shown) for tameness. His work proved that selecting for friendliness towards humans could rapidly produce both behavioural and physical changes. Name X. ZEFRAM (CC BY-SA)

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Coaches of fourth train set for Yellow Line begin to arrive at Hebbagodi

According to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited officials, one coach has reached the depot, while the remaining five coaches of the set are in transit to Bengaluru

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A coach of the train set for the Yellow Line at Hebbagodi depot on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has received another addition to its Yellow Line fleet, with one coach of the fourth train-set reaching the Hebbagodi depot in Bengaluru from Titagarh Rail Systems Limited's factory in Kolkata, on Tuesday night.

According to BMRCL officials, the remaining five coaches of the train set are in transit.

"Three coaches are currently at various locations on the city's outskirts on road and may arrive at the depot tonight, while two others are in Andhra Pradesh and are expected to reach the depot by August 14 night," a senior official told *The Hindu*.

Once all coaches are assembled at the depot, they will undergo 20-day testing before being introduced into commercial service.

"The train set must undergo various kinds of tests, including system integration with signalling, telecommunications, and power supply networks," the official added.

The Yellow Line, inaugurated on August 10 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, began commercial operations on August 11 with only three trains in service.

The limited fleet has resulted in a waiting period of over 25 minutes during peak hours, leading to crowding. The new train set is expected to help improve frequency, though BMRCL will require more sets to meet optimal service levels.

Driverless trains

The corridor's trains are equipped with Communication-Based Train Control (CBTC) technology, enabling driverless operations, a first for Namma Metro. CBTC is designed to reduce the interval between trains from the current 150 seconds to as low as 90 seconds. However, during the initial period, trained locomotive pilots are being deployed to operate the trains manually.

The Yellow Line, linking R.V. Road to Bommasandra, is an important addition to the Namma Metro network, connecting southern neighbourhoods and the Electronics City to the rest of Bengaluru's metro network.

While the line's civil works were completed nearly a year ago, commissioning was delayed primarily owing to setbacks in procuring the driverless trainsets. In 2019, Chinese rolling stock manufacturer CRRC was awarded a ₹1,578-crore contract to supply 216 coaches, with the condition that it establish a manufacturing facility in India. CRRC failed to meet this requirement, prompting BMRCL to issue several notices and consider invoking a ₹372-crore bank guarantee.

To revive the situation, CRRC partnered with Kolkata-based Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, enabling production. Despite this arrangement, delivery schedules have continued to slip, forcing BMRCL to open the Yellow Line with a minimal fleet. On August 11, a day after the launch of the Yellow Line, Namma Metro achieved its highest-ever single-day ridership. Total boardings across all three operational lines reached 10,48,031 passengers, according to BMRCL data.

The Purple Line (Line 1) accounted for 4,51,816 commuters, the Green Line (Line 2) recorded 2,91,677 boardings, and the newly inaugurated Yellow Line (Line 3) welcomed 52,215 passengers on its first day of commercial service. Interchange stations handled an additional 2,52,323 passengers.

The previous record was set on June 4, when 9,66,732 people travelled by metro when only the Purple and Green lines, covering 76.95 km, were operational, a senior BMRCL official said.

BMTC bus runs over two-wheeler driver near bus stop

BENGALURU A 33-year-old two-wheeler driver was crushed to death when a BMTC bus allegedly knocked him down near Rupena Agaraha bus stop in Madiwala traffic police station limits on Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Syed Jaffer Hussain, a resident of Bommanahalli. The police said that he worked with a two-wheeler accessories shop and garage at BTM Layout and was on his way to work.

The Madiwala traffic police arrested the bus driver, Jayaramaiah.

ASI, woman head constable injured as scooter gets entangled in low-hanging cable

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An Assistant Sub-Inspector and a female head constable sustained serious injuries when their scooter got entangled with a low-hanging cable at Wilson Garden recently.

The injured have been identified as Shivakumar T.P. and Suguna. According to the police, the cable got entangled with the scooter handlebar and Mr. Shivakumar lost control and both crashed on the road.

The police have registered a case under Section 125 (a) under the BNS

Passers-by took them to a nearby hospital, where the doctors confirmed that Mr. Shivakumar's right kneecap had developed cracks and advised immediate surgery. Ms. Suguna also sustained injuries.

Mr. Shivakumar, in his complaint to the Wilson Garden police, alleged that cables on poles and trees hanging haphazardly are endangering the lives of people. Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case under Section 125 (a) (endangering human life and personal safety of others) under the BNS. The police are now on the lookout for the person who put up the cable for further action.

Timings
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THURSDAY, AUG. 14		
RISE	06:07	SET 18:41
RISE	22:26	SET 10:27
FRIDAY, AUG. 15		
RISE	06:07	SET 18:41
RISE	23:14	SET 11:26
SATURDAY, AUG. 16		
RISE	06:08	SET 18:40
RISE	00:00	SET 12:26

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	24
Mysuru	26	20
Bengaluru	25	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Spell of light rain and thundershower will occur.

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Woman sexually harassed, robbed by armed man at PG

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An armed man barged into a ladies paying guest (PG) facility situated at Judicial Layout in Yelahanka, and sexually harassed a 30-year-old assistant engineer at knife point and escaped after stealing her two phones recently.

On the day of the incident, the victim returned from work and went up to her room on the third floor. She heard a knock on the door around 3 p.m. and opened the door, assuming that it could be the staff.

The accused barged in, overpowered her and placed a knife at her neck demanding money and the gold bangles she was wearing. He forcibly tried to remove the bangles and sexually harassed her, said the police.

When the victim raised an alarm, the accused grabbed two mobile phones, worth ₹75,000, lying on the bed and escaped

The victim told him that the money was in the vanity bag kept on the bed. By the time he went to grab the bag, the victim ran into the washroom and locked it from inside, raising the alarm for help.

Sensing trouble, the accused grabbed two mobile phones, worth ₹75,000, lying on the bed and escaped.

After waiting for sometime, the victim came out of the room and narrated the incident to her fellow PG mates before alerting the police.

The police rushed to the spot and conducted investigation, before registering a case against unknown person under Section 311 (robbery or dacoity when accompanied by an attempt to cause death or grievous hurt) of BNS for further investigation.

CCTV footage

The police are verifying the CCTV camera footage and questioning the PG staff about the security and safety measures they have as per the rules.

Safety concerns

This incident has raised concerns about the safety of people living in PG facilities in and around the city.

On August 2, the Soladevanahalli police had arrested a PG owner, Ashraf, for allegedly abducting and raping a student on the pretext of taking her out for dinner.

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KASHI - GAYA - AYODHYA | 6 DAYS
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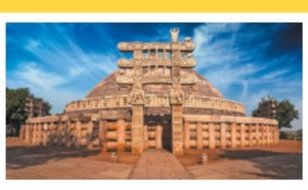
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Data breaches within Indian educational institutions

4 In lakh. These attacks happened over the last nine months, according to a study under the CyberPeace Foundation's e-Kawach initiative. Experts warn these breaches can lead to impersonation, phishing, deep fakes, theft of research data, and exam paper leaks. PTI

The Bengaluru Metro sets an all-time daily ridership record

10.48 In lakh. The surge came a day after the Yellow Line opened with 52,000 commuters using it, far exceeding expectations. Traffic included 4.51 lakh on the Purple Line, 2.91 lakh on the Green Line, and 2.52 lakh on the interchange. PTI

Number of firefighters mobilised across Greece amid heatwave

4,850 Greece battled to contain more than 20 wildfires, one of them menacing its third largest city Patras. Over 30 aircraft were deployed alongside the firefighters to douse the fire. Around 20 villages in Achaia were evacuated. AFP

Citizens from Thane who pledged to donate their organs

4,900 As part of the 'Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyan' campaign, the Health Department has simplified the online registration process for organ donation. Citizens can register by scanning a QR code or by visiting the website. PTI

Value of properties attached in Bandipora in J&K

2.11 In ₹ crore. They were attached as 'proceeds of terrorism'. Land parcels measuring a total of two kanals and 12 marlas were seized by the police. The attached properties are located in Watapora, Chandaji, and Aloosa. PTI

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How can SC/ST scholarships be expanded?

What is the current parental income limit for students who come from marginalised communities availing of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships? What did the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of OBCs recommend? What is the eligibility criteria of these scholarships?

EXPLAINER

Abhinay Lakshman

The story so far:

Ahead of the upcoming financial cycle spanning FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, the Union government is considering revising the parental income limit for eligibility in availing post and pre-matric scholarships administered to students from marginalised castes and tribes.

What will be the new limit?

These scholarships require eligible candidates to have parental annual income below ₹2.5 lakh. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is looking to raise parental income limit to ₹4.5 lakh for post and pre-matric ST scholarships, and the Social Justice Ministry is discussing revising the limits for post and pre-matric scholarships for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Castes (OBCs), and Denotified Tribes (DNTs). In addition, discussions are also on to raise the parental income limit of college and school scholarships for OBCs, and DNTs.

What are these scholarships?

The post and pre-matric scholarships for SCs, Scheduled Tribes (STs), and OBCs, are run as central sponsored schemes by the government. This means that it is funded by both the Union and State governments on a 60:40 ratio (Union:States), except for in northeast States where the ratio is 90:10.

The post-matric scholarships for SCs, STs, and OBCs, require the student to be an Indian national, studying at the post-matric stage, that is, after 10th grade. Pre-matric scholarships are mostly available to students of grades IX and X, but for SCs pre-matric scholarships are available from grades 1 to X, if their parent or guardian is involved in a "unclean or hazardous" occupation. Both post and pre-matric scholarships require students' annual parental income to be below ₹2.5 lakh to become eligible.

Big dreams: Students in a class of a Gondi school in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra in March. EMMANUAL YOGINI

In the ongoing fiscal year's budget estimates, centrally sponsored scholarship schemes for SCs, OBCs, Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs), and DNTs accounted for 66.7% of the Social Justice Department's ₹13,611 crore allocation.

In the Tribal Affairs Ministry, centrally sponsored scholarship schemes for ST students accounted for about 18.6% of the department's ₹14,925.81 crore allocation for FY 2025-26.

How many avail of the scholarships?

According to available government data, tabled in Parliament and submitted before House panels, the number of beneficiaries for post and pre-matric scholarships across socio-economic groups has been falling. This showed that from 2020-21 to 2024-25, there was a 30.63% drop in the number of beneficiaries for pre-matric scholarships for SCs. In the same time period, beneficiaries for SC post-matric scholarships dropped by 4.22%, according to data tabled in Parliament this week.

Data from earlier this year further showed that for pre-matric scholarships for OBCs, EBCs, and DNTs, the beneficiaries dropped from 58.62 lakh in 2021-22 to a little over 20.25 lakh in 2023-24. A similar drop was seen in post-matric scholarships for these sections in the same time period, reducing from 43.34 lakh beneficiaries to 38.42 lakh. For STs, there was a drop of 4.63 lakh beneficiaries in this time period for pre matric scholarships, and a drop of 3.52 lakh beneficiaries for post-matric scholarships.

What have House panels said about these scholarships as well as eligibility criteria?

In a report on schemes for OBCs run by the Social Justice Ministry, the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of OBCs earlier this year recommended a "suitable rise" in the income limit from ₹2.5 lakh that is currently set for scholarships for OBC students. While the panel asked the government to double the income limit for beneficiaries of pre and post-matric scholarships for OBCs, it has asked for "suitable rise" in the income limits for beneficiaries of top-class scholarships for school and college education.

The panel also said it was puzzling why the pre-matric scholarship for OBCs was only being offered for Class IX and X, recommending that the scholarship start covering students from Class V onwards.

A separate House panel, which was set up to oversee the working of the Tribal Affairs and Social Justice ministries this March, noted the same about post and pre-matric scholarships for ST students, recommending that the parental income limits be revised for these schemes.

These House panels have stressed the importance of these scholarships, and observed that the existing parental income limit was too low, adding that this was preventing many families who need the scholarships from getting access to it. They have suggested that the parental income limit be raised for these scholarships so that the coverage can be extended to as many beneficiaries that need it.

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Why does the U.S. President want Intel's CEO to resign?

Does the Intel CEO have investments and links to Chinese companies? How has the chipmaker responded?

Sahana Venugopal

The story so far:

On August 7, U.S. President Donald Trump singled out Intel's CEO Lip-Bu Tan on Truth Social, posting, "The CEO of INTEL is highly CONFLICTED and must resign, immediately. There is no other solution to this problem". Mr. Tan, a Malaysian-born, Singapore-raised American citizen, took over the reins of the chipmaker in March, after the departure of former CEO Pat Gelsinger.

Why was the demand made?

The U.S. President's post on Truth Social likely referenced Mr. Tan's Chinese investments, which numbered in the hundreds, as well as his past leadership position in a company with Chinese military links. In a letter dated August 5, U.S. Senator Tom Cotton wrote to Intel's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Frank D. Yeary, expressing his concerns. "Mr. Tan reportedly controls dozens of Chinese companies and has a stake in hundreds of Chinese advanced-manufacturing and chip firms. At least eight of these companies reportedly have ties to the Chinese People's Liberation Army," Mr. Cotton claimed in the letter. The U.S. senator wanted to know whether the Intel board made Mr. Tan formally take steps to divest from positions that could pose a conflict of interest for Intel's CEO, and whether Mr. Tan had officially disclosed any other ties to Chinese companies.

Does he have links to Chinese firms?

News agency *Reuters* reported that Mr. Tan had made many investments in Chinese companies. Of particular note is Mr. Tan's investment in the Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp (SMIC). Mr. Tan's venture capital firm Walden International's funds exited from SMIC in June 2013 and in January 2021, as reported in an investigation by the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party. SMIC was flagged by the U.S. in 2020 over links to China's military. Additionally, the report stated that Mr. Tan served on SMIC's board from 2001 to 2018.

However, Walden International is still invested in funds and companies, including bodies with ties to the Chinese administration, per *Reuters*. Aside from his investments, there are security concerns about Mr. Tan's time as the CEO of Cadence Design Systems between 2008 and 2021 (overlapping with his time at SMIC). This became a pressing issue after Cadence, a multinational Electronic Design Automation (EDA) technology company headquartered in California, pleaded guilty to resolve charges that it violated export controls by selling EDA hardware, software, and semiconductor design intellectual property technology to a Chinese military university called the National University of Defense Technology. Mr. Cotton noted in his letter that the "illegal activities occurred under Mr. Tan's tenure."

"Intel was awarded nearly $8 billion from the CHIPS and Science Act, the largest grant to a single company. Intel is required to be a responsible steward of American taxpayer dollars and to comply with applicable security regulations," said the Republican senator.

What was Intel's response?

On August 7, Intel published a statement defending the company, its board of directors, and Mr. Tan. "Intel has been manufacturing in America for 56 years. We are continuing to invest billions of dollars in domestic semiconductor R&D and manufacturing, including our new fab in Arizona that will run the most advanced manufacturing process technology in the country, and are the only company investing in leading logic process node development in the U.S.," stated Intel. However, Intel's troubles are mounting as the chipmaker faces pressure from investors over slow progress, and the public's ire over mass layoffs. Mr. Trump's public call for Mr. Tan's resignation, which led to a slip in Intel's shares, will make it harder for the chipmaker to restore its reputation.

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Relocate stray dogs from Bengaluru, Opposition members urge govt.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition members on Wednesday drew the attention of the State government on the increased number of dog-bite cases in Bengaluru city and demanded immediate action to relocate all stray dogs.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour in the Legislative Assembly, Suresh Babu (JD-S) Umanath Kotian, S. Suresh Kumar, and C.N. Ashwath Narayan (all BJP) expressed concern over the rise in the number of dog-bite cases in the State.

Mr. Suresh Kumar said over 18,000 dog-bite cases and 18 suspected human rabies deaths were reported in Bengaluru city in the last six months.

The members demanded that the government implement the Supreme Court order on August 11 on controlling stray dogs in public places in New Delhi.

S. Suresh Kumar, MLA, said over 18,000 dog-bite cases and 18 suspected human rabies deaths were reported in Bengaluru city in the last six months. SUDHAKARA JAIN

They warned that the stray dog menace has been a threat to public health in the city.

The SC order should be applicable in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru, and other cities, Mr. Suresh Kumar said.

Noting the incident of a stray dog biting two students of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASE) in west Bengaluru, he urged the government to implement the Supreme Court guidelines.

The government should also issue directions to all municipalities to catch stray dogs and make appropriate arrangements to relocate them. Mr. Suresh Kumar stressed that children have become victims of stray dogs in the city.

In LH too

They highlighted stray dog problems at the Legislators' Home (LH) and asked Speaker U.T. Khader to take steps to keep the surroundings of LH and the Vidhana Soudha free from stray dogs.

Mr. Kotian said members have been finding it difficult to keep the doors open at the LH. "The dogs sleep on doormats and it is difficult for us to even step out," he said.

Raj Bhavan open to tourists for 3 days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To mark the 79th Independence Day, Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru, will be open to tourists on August 16, 17, and 18, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Visitors can explore designated areas on the Raj Bhavan premises, subject to strict security protocol. Entry is permitted only with a valid government-issued photo ID, and after mandatory checks.

Electronic devices, including mobile phones, laptops, and cameras, are strictly prohibited.

Other banned items include sharp objects, metal items, food, beverages, plastic material, firecrackers, lighters, bags, purses, tobacco, and alcohol.

No vehicles will be allowed inside the premises.

Visitors must remain within marked areas and follow instructions from security personnel.

Silence and discipline are expected throughout the visit.

Bill tabled to give more clarity on functioning of GBA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Governance (Amendment) Bill, 2025, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday for providing clarity regarding the functioning of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the relationship between civic authorities in the Greater Bengaluru Area.

Role of coordinator

The Bill said that GBA should discharge the role of coordinator among all the city corporations and other agencies in the Greater Bengaluru Area.

A view of the Bengaluru city landscape.

The GBA would discharge several functions, including finalisation of its common cadre and recruitment rules, and for the city corporations to submit to the government for approval.

The Bill would empower the GBA to make appointments of Group A (junior level) and Group B officers in accordance with the common cadre and recruitment rules. The GBA would also make rules for the chief commissioner of GBA and for the Group C and D posts.

The government notified five corporations carved out of the existing city civic limits.

Man charred to death while sleeping in parked bus in Banaswadi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An unidentified man, aged around 30, was charred to death in a school bus parked at BMBR layout in Banaswadi on Tuesday.

Passers-by noticed the fire in the bus and alerted the fire control room. The Fire and Emergency Service personnel rushed to the spot and put out the fire before recovering the body.

Smoked beedis

The police said that the man was charred to death while sleeping. They found a bed and a pillow and a few smoked beedis around the body.

Post-mortem

The police have taken up a case of suspicious death and shifted the body for post-mortem.

The police suspect that the death was owing to an accidental fire sparked by the burning beedis.

Officers are also not ruling out the possibility of foul play and have initiated an investigation to ascertain the identity of the deceased.

The bus, belonging to one Arun, had been parked by the roadside after it was defunct for a few months.

14 years old vehicle

The vehicle was 14 years old and did not have any documents or insurance. The owner was planning to sell the bus, said the police.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **I, Shri. K.M.B. Babu,** S/o H.P. Muthappa, aged about 49 years, residing at No. 65/1G, Maramma Temple Street, Near Maramma Temple, Hulimavu, Bangalore -560076, presently residing at C/o Mr. Muralidhara R, #100, Banahalli Village, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099, is the owner of the land developed by the Karnataka Housing Board in the 3rd phase of Suryanagar Layout in the villages of Gidenahalli Jigala/ Yadavanahalli/ Adigondanahalli of Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, and the children of Shri Venkataswarmappa, Smt. Pramilamma, Smt. Savitramma, Smt. Sumitramma, Smt. Mahadevamma, Smt. Vanajakshi and Smt. Sasikala was jointly allotted plot number: 1578/B9 HIG-1, and the original purchase deed dated: 24/11/2017, registered in the Sub-Registration Office, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, bearing number: ABL-1-04645/2017-18, BOOK No. 1, CD No. ABLD309, DATE: 24/11/2017, that I Sri K.M.B. Babu S/o H.P. Mutthappa had purchased the Site No. 1578/B9, HIG-1 from the aforesaid owners and registered as BL-1-05486/2017-18, BOOK NO. 1, CD NO. ABLD311, DATE: 30/12/2017, registered in the Sub-Registration Office, Attibele, Anekal Taluk registered as ABL-1-04645/2017-18, BOOK No. 1, CD No. ABLD309, DATED: 24/11/2017, On 02/02/2025 while I was shifting from one place to another the original Sale Deed was lost, and in this regard on 02-08-2025, a complaint was registered at Suryanagar Police Station, vide Lost Report No.: 884/2025. If anyone finds the above said documents or is in possession, they are hereby requested to send it to the following address in person or by registered post and to inform the mobile number: 9900101156.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **MR. S.B.SHIVARAM,** S/o Late Boraiah, Aged about 62 Years, Residing at No. 44, 5th Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore- 560019 has agreed to purchase residential vacant site bearing No. 138, Municipal Katha No. 646/138/138, E-Katha No. 5331982885 carved out of Sy Nos 214 & 215, situated at Halage-vaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore layout formed by Bangalore University Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited, in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority vide No.BDA/NYS/2515/2001-02, dated 29/1/2002, now in BBMP Limits, Ward No. 160, measuring East to West 41 Feet and North to South 40 Feet and totally measuring 1640 Square feet more fully described in the schedule hereinafter referred as "SCHEDULE PROPERTY' from **SMT. VIJAYALAKSHMI K T,** Aged about 38 Years, W/o Sri. Shiva Kumaraiah S & **SRI.S.SHIVA KUMARAIAH,** Aged about 44 Years, S/o Late Shambhu Shetty K S, both residing at No. 975, Near New Bus Stop, Ullalu Upanagara, Bangalore – 560056, If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within **10 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my client would proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

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I, CHARLOTTE ROSE RODRIGUES, R/at 26, Bethel Layout, Horamavu, Bangalore 43 have changed my name from CHARLOTTE D SOUZA to CHARLOTTE ROSE RODRIGUES for all my future purposes through affidavit 09–08–2025 sworn before the Notary B.Seshagiri.

I, JHIL Baid, d/o Jatin Baid born on 17–05–2007 residing at No.40/5, 2nd floor, Arihant apts Shivan chetty garden St.johns road Bengaluru 560042, have changed my name to Vaani Baid vide affidavit dated 25–07–2025 at Bengaluru.

I, MANTHAN, s/o: Riteshkumar Manubhai Patel, r/o: FOF–13, Silicon Pride, Nallurahalli Road, Siddapura, Whitefield, Bengaluru–560066. Have Changed My Name To Manthan Riteshkumar Patel. Affidavit Date On 12/08/2025.

I, SURESH Giri J s/o Jay Bahadur, 90/1, 2nd main, 13th cross near mulakatamma temple Chamrajpet, Bangalore–26 have changed my name to Suresh Giri vide affidavit dated 12/08/25 at Bangalore

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Ganaprakasam, S/o. Selvaraj, 7, Rcc, 206-261,S.G Muut Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore. ...1ம் எதிர்மனுதாரர்
சட்ட அறிவிப்பு
மேற்படி நம்பர் வழக்கில் 05.01.2019 அன்று சாலை விபத்தில் வடிவேல் அன்று இரவு சுமார் 7.15 மணிக்கு நடந்த சாலை விபத்தில் காயம்பட்டு இறந்து போன வகைக்காக இழப்பீடு கோரி சமூக நீதிமன்றத்தில் மனுதாரர்கள் வழக்கு தாக்கல் செய்து ஸை வழக்கில் ஜ.ஏ.நிர்:3/2025 என்ற நம்பரில் 1ம் எதிர்மனுதாராக கட்சி சேர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. ஸை வழக்கின் வாய்தா **11.09.2025** தேதி 1ம் எதிர்மனுதார் ஆஜராவதற்கு வாய்தா தேதி உத்தரவாகியுள்ளது.தவறும் பட்சத்தில் 1வது எதிர்மனுதாரரைப் பொறுத்து தோன்றா தரப்பினராக கருதப்பட்டு எக்ஸ்பார்ட்டியாக அறிவிக்கப்படும் என்று இதன் மூலம் தெரிவிக்கப்படுகிறது.
M.BALACHANDAR., B.Com.,B.L.,
Advocate, Tirunelveli 627002.

FORM No.14
[See Regulation 33(2)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 2 BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road Bengaluru, Pincode-560001
TRC NO: 586/2018
Punjab National Bank
ARMB, MG Road, Bangalore
- Certificate Holder
Versus
M/s Deepak Tools Heat Treaters & anr.
- Defendants
DEMAND NOTICE
1. M/s Deepak Tools Heat Treaters, Represented by proprietor Mr. Nagesh P, S/o Pottu Swamy, B-257, Peenya Industrial Estate, 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 058.
Also at No. 312/1 3rd Cross, Hutchens Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Bangalore 560 084.
2. M/s Polaryk Engineers & Developers, Represented by proprietor Mr. R. Balakrishna, No.8, 1 Main Road, New Mallappa Road, New Mallappa Block, Bangalore 560 020.
Defendants
In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A:2044/2015** passed by the Presiding Officer DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.1,09,70,898/- (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakh(s) Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, falling which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 28th day of July 2018.
RECOVERY OFFICER-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court Issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2 Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

FORM No.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 2 BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road Bengaluru, Pincode-560001
DRC NO: 2494/17
UNITED BANK OF INDIA,
CONTONMENT BRANCH,
BRIGADE ROAD,
BANGALORE 560 001
- Certificate Holder
Versus
SRI RAJAPPA & ANR.
- Defendant
DEMAND NOTICE
1. Sri Rajappa, S/o Sri Kenge Gowda, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No.250 2nd Phase, 3rd Block, Nagarabhavi, Opp. Chamundeswari Temple, Bangalore 560 072.
Also at: M/s S.K. Electricals, Prop. Sri Rajappa, No.250, 2nd Phase, 3rd Block, Chamundeshwari Temple, Bangalore 560 072.
And also at: 93/2, 5th Main road, Katriguppe Road, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560 085.
2. Sri T. Girish, S/o Sri Thimmajah, No.42, Balaji Nilaya, Kaveri Nagar, Sree Rama Mandira Road, 3rd stage, Banashankari, Bangalore 560 085.
Defendant
In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No 520/2015** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs. 88,68,662/- (Rupees Eighty eight lakhs sixty eight thousand six hundred sixty two Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, falling which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 30th day of December 2017.
RECOVERY OFFICER-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BENGALURU
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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th, 7th, & 8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029
केन्द्रीय विद्युत विनियामक आयोग CERC
सत्यमेव जयते

Petition No. 468/TL/2025 **Dated: 8.8.2025**

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under Sections 14 and 15of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by **POWERGRID Chitradurga Bellary Transmission Limited**, B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi 110016 for the grant of a transmission licence to establish the 'Transmission Scheme for integration of Davanagere/ Chitradurga REZ and Bellary REZ in Karnataka" (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis consisting of the following elements:

A. Transmission Scheme for integration of Davanagere / Chitradurga REZ

Sr. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD as per Gazette Notification	Element(s) which are pre-required for declaring the commercial operation (COD) of the respective Element
1.	Establishment of 765/400kV 4x1500 MVA, 400/220kV 4x500 MVA Pooling Station near Davanagere / Chitradurga, Karnataka with provision of two (2) sections of 4500 MVA each at 400kV level and provision of four (4) sections of 2500 MVA each at 220kV level • 765/400kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 4 Nos. (13x500 MVA including 1 spare unit) • 765kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 400/220kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 4 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 220kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 765kV line bays – 4 Nos. (at Davanagere/ Chitradurga PS for termination of LILO of Narendra (New) – Madhugiri 765kV D/C line) • 220kV line bays – 6 Nos. • 220kV Bus Sectionalizer – 1 set • 220kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 1 No. • 220kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 1 No. **Future Space Provisions:** • 765/400kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 2 Nos. • 765kV ICT bays – 2 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 2 Nos. • 400/220kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 6 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 6 Nos. 220kV ICT bays – 6 Nos. • 765kV line bays – 8 Nos. (with provision for SLR) • 400kV line bays – 10 Nos. (with provision for SLR) • 220kV line bays – 12 Nos. • 220kV Bus Sectionalizer – 2 sets • 220kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 3 Nos. • 220kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 3 Nos. • 400kV Bus Sectionalizer – 1 set	24 months (21.3.2027)	Element at Sl. No. 2, 3, 4 and 5
2.	LILO of Narendra New – Madhugiri 765kV D/C line at Davanagere / Chitradurga 765/400kV PS (~40 km) {with 240MVAr SLR at both ends on Narendra New – Davanagere section (~280 km) and 330MVAr SLR at Davanagere end on Davanagere – Madhugiri section (~200 km)} • 765kV, 240 MVAr SLR at Davanagere / Chitradurga PS – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAr including 1 switchable spare unit) • 765kV, 240 MVAr SLR at Narendra New – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAr including 1 switchable spare unit) • 765kV, 330 MVAr SLR at Davanagere / Chitradurga PS – 2 Nos. (6x110 MVAr switchable units)		Element at Sl. No. 1, 3, 4 and 5
3.	2x330MVAr (765kV) bus reactors at Davanagere/ Chitradurga PS • 765kV, 330 MVAr Bus Reactor – 2 Nos. (7x110 MVAr including 1 switchable spare unit for both bus reactor and line reactor) • 765kV Bus Reactor bays – 2 Nos.		Element at Sl. No. 1, 2, 4 and 5
4.	Upgradation of Narendra New – Madhugiri 765kV D/C line (presently charged at 400kV level) at its rated 765kV voltage level# • 765kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Narendra New) • 765kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Madhugiri)		Element at Sl. No. 1, 2, 3 and 5
5.	Upgradation of Madhugiri {Tumkur(Vasantnarsapura)} to its rated voltage of 765kV level along with 3x1500 MVA, • 765/400kV ICTs and 2x330MVAr, 765kV bus reactors • 765/400kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 3 Nos. (10x500 MVA incl. 1 spare unit) • 765kV ICT bays – 3 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 3 Nos. • 765kV, 330 MVAr Bus Reactor – 2 Nos. {7x110 MVAr including 1 spare unit} • 765kV Bus Reactor bays – 2 Nos.		Element at Sl. No. 1, 2, 3, and 5

Note#: The upgradation of Narendra New – Madhugiri 765kV D/C line to its rated 765kV voltage level may also require transmission lines work (about 2-3 km) for the change of termination from 400kV switchyard to 765kV switchyard at each substation end.

B. Transmission Scheme for the integration of Bellary REZ

Sr. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD as per Gazette Notification	Element(s) which are pre-required for declaring the commercial operation (COD) of the respective Element
1.	Establishment of 4x500MVA, 400/220kV Pooling Station near Bellary area (Bellary PS), Karnataka • 400/220kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 4 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 220kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 400kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Bellary PS for termination of Bellary PS – Davanagere / Chitradurga line)) • 220kV line bays – 6 Nos. • 220kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 1 No. • 220kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 1 No. **Future Space Provisions:** • 400/220kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 6 Nos. • 400kV ICT bays – 6 Nos. • 220kV ICT bays – 6 Nos. • 400kV line bays – 6 Nos. (with provision for SLR) • 220kV line bays – 12 Nos. • 220kV Sectionalizer – 3 sets • 220kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 3 Nos. • 220kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 3 Nos.	30 months (21.09.2027)	Scheme-A and Element at Sl. No. 2 and 3
2.	Bellary PS – Davanagere / Chitradurga 400kV (Quad ACSR moose) D/C line • 400kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Davanagere / Chitradurga)		Scheme-A and Element at Sl. No. 1 and 3
3.	2x125MVAr 420kV bus reactors at Bellary PS • 420kV, 125 MVAr bus reactors – 2 Nos. • 420kV, 125 MVAr bus reactor bays – 2 Nos.		Scheme-A and Element at Sl. No. 1 and 2

2. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited, vide its letter dated 11.4.2025,has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.
3. Based on the material available on the record, the Commission vide order dated 7.8.2025 in Petition No. 468/TL/2025, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.
4. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to **POWERGRID Chitradurga Bellary Transmission Limited** before the Commission can be accessed at **the www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries** or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
5. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **22.8.2025** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
6. The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on **26.8.2025**. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

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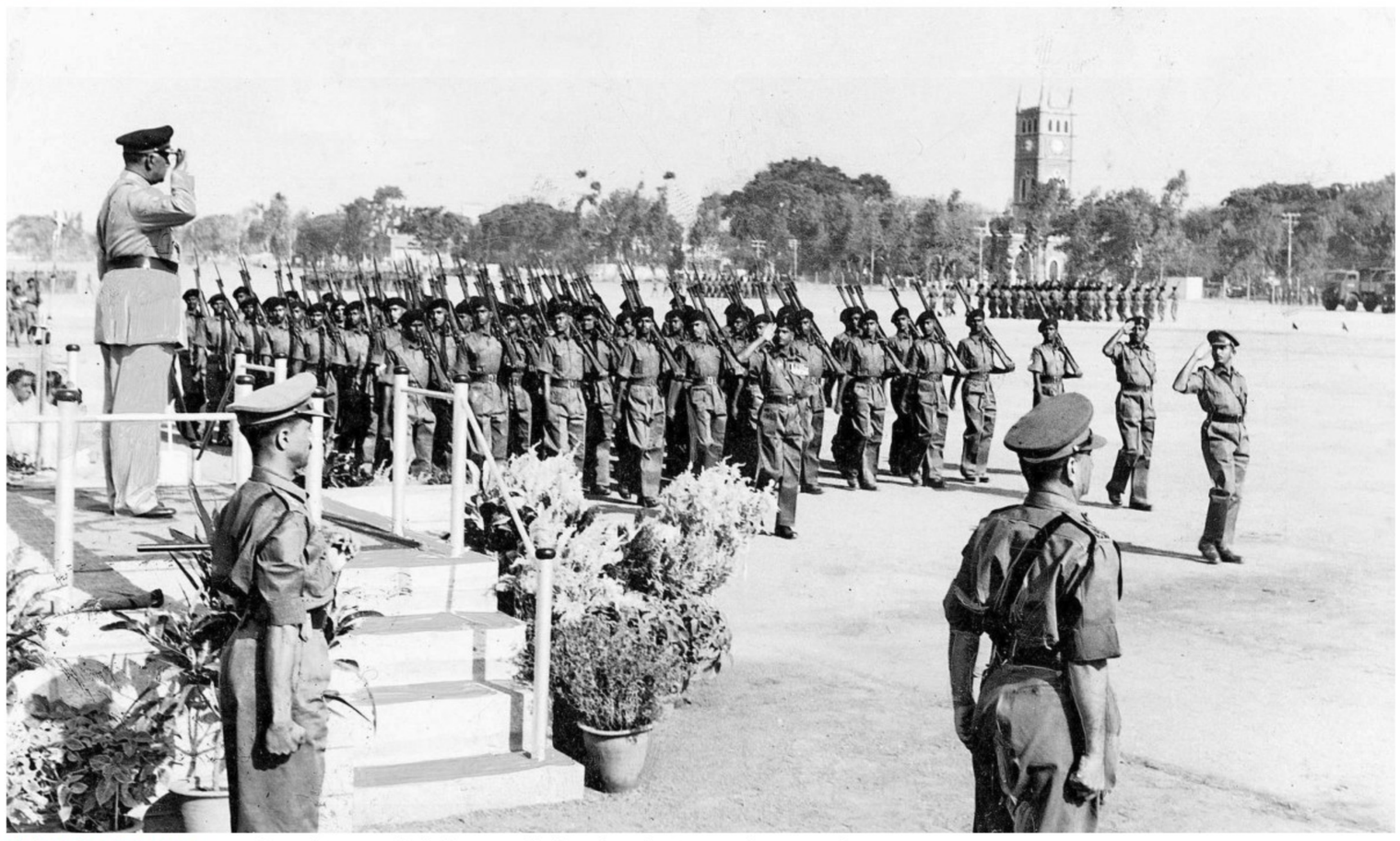

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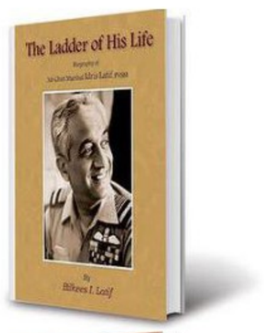
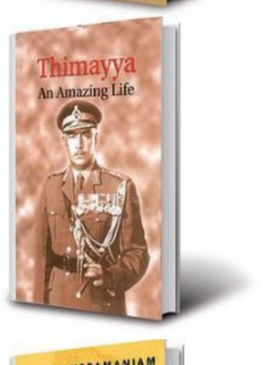
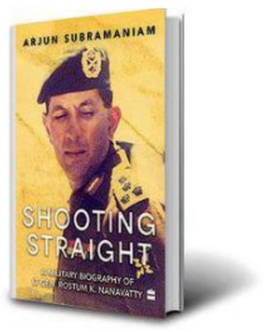






Military biographies: a matter of heroes and overlapping history

Three narratives collectively depict how the Indian armed forces have evolved since Independence to the 1990s. By exploring the paths of General Thimayya, Lt. Gen. Rostum Nanavatty and Air Chief Marshal Idris Latif, the biographies seek to capture their influence on the nation's history

Probal DasGupta

V.K. Krishna Menon, India's defence minister before and during the 1962 Sino-Indian war, was not a popular figure with the service chiefs, who nicknamed him 'God Almighty' for his overbearing ways. Not particularly fond of Gen. Thimayya (Timmy), Menon sought the opinion of Major General Sam Manekshaw on Thimayya. Sam, outspoken and articulate, replied, "Sir, as a junior officer, we are not permitted to express an opinion on a superior officer. We respect our seniors and we have no two opinions on it." In his book on Thimayya, *An Amazing Life* (KW Publishers), Brigadier C.B. Khanduri writes about this innocuous but pivotal conversation that kickstarted a political storm leading to Thimayya's resignation, which he later retracted.

Biographies on Indian military leaders from different eras reveal overlapping spaces in history. For instance, Khanduri's book mentions how Timmy's recommendations on China were ignored by Menon, leading to India's debacle in 1962. On the other hand, Arjun Subramanian's book *Shooting Straight* (HarperCollins) begins the career story of Lt. Gen. Rostum (Rusty) Nanavatty after the 1962 conflict. Nanavatty was commissioned at the end of the war, a few years after Timmy's career ended and at a time when a demoralised national leadership was undergoing a catharsis. Subramaniam highlights a letter written by the young Lieutenant Nanavatty who is remarkably unsparing in his criticism of the leadership for its foibles in the war.

Inflection point

The author deftly uses the letter to bring out the fearlessness in the young officer's thinking. In a way, Subramaniam's narrative in *Shooting Straight* is a consequential document about the war's impact on young Indians. The stories of Timmy and Rusty are from different Indias – separated by the war of 1962 as the inflection point. Wedged between the two eras is the post-war decade after 1971. On one hand, the wars of the 1960s were over and on the other, the insurgencies of Punjab and Kashmir of the 1980s hadn't yet arrived. Air Chief Marshal Idris Latif was an Air Force Chief during this period in the late 1970s. His wife, Bilkees Latif, in her book on her husband *The Ladder of His Life* (KW Publishers), reminisces about an important dimension of the question of choice during Partition in 1947. Soon after the Partition was announced, Latif, then a young air force officer, was goaded by another Muslim officer leaving for Pakistan to join him. To the officer's opinion that Pakistan was a land for Muslims, Latif replied, "You must be joking; what has religion got to do with nationality? I'm an Indian, born in Hyderabad, you know – and not the Hyderabad in Pakistan!" He even advised the departing officer to stay, insisting that the Indian Air Force would be a better choice. Latif followed in the footsteps of Brigadier Mohd Usman who chose India over Pakistan. The story of Latif, who rose to become India's first Muslim Air Chief, is emblematic of the secular culture of India's military.

Past, present, future

Typically, biographies provide a framework to situate events in the context of a nation's journey. Military biographies assign signposts on the time-trajectory in a country's history, especially in India, where the journey post-independence has been a progression from early existential struggles to assertions of identity. By exploring the paths of these protagonists, the biographies seek to capture the cultural impressions, personalities, choices, and help contextualise judgements on these characters. In the case of Nanavatty, peeling away his personality helps reveal his versatility. Like the tenure in Sri Lanka in the 1980s, when para commando units were sceptical of Nanavatty's role as a commander but grew to respect his initiative, wholeheartedness and an ability to lead from the front.

Subramaniam's writing, lucid and accessible, aided by the protagonist's painstaking notes, brings out the clarity in Nanavatty's thinking, which underpinned his career philosophy.

Khanduri writes about Timmy as a committed and vocal personality who commanded a larger than life presence. He carried the legacy and impressions of a colonial army, and oversaw the transition during post-independence nation-building, before the era of wars in the 1960s. Nanavatty, on the other hand, was the archetypal infantryman who believed that victory is measured by the proverbial 'foot', and whose spartan measures set a high bar in tackling 'dirty' insurgencies of the 1990s.

Complex journeys

The biographies of Timmy, Latif and Nanavatty help us understand the personalities and the road taken by each. While Timmy's life is set in a time of tussles within the government, Latif played a key role in the modernisation following the 1971 war, including the replacement of old Canberra aircraft and the induction of Jaguars, all the while working with two different Prime Ministers of different political parties. Subramaniam's work on Nanavatty reveals the general's approach in more complex security challenges than the other two – which involved the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka and the insurgency in Kashmir. The three narratives collectively depict how the Indian armed forces have evolved since independence to the nineties.

The three books delve into the nuances of military leadership, particularly with the stakeholders – political or military. All three were straight shooters in their approach, but differed on their styles. While Timmy could be vocal and confrontational, Latif managed the political leadership adroitly, while Nanavatty, by the 1990s, had adopted a pragmatic approach.

Despite these three eminently readable books and a recently republished biography of Gen. Srinagesh (Commanded by Destiny/Penguin Books), military biographies are rare in India. Many belong to an era of World Wars, when accounts were documented and information was archived better. Sadly, within this thin historiography, several books suffer from abysmal writing or hagiographical accounts. One wishes to see more critique of the protagonist in accounts. In his book, Subramaniam reminds us that objective biographies of military leaders, especially those whose careers reached a pinnacle in the 1980s and 1990s, are rare, which makes Lt. Gen. Nanavatty's book both relevant and unusual. At the level of perceptions, military biographies in India run the risk of being mistakenly assumed to be technical accounts of a closed community. In a country where the military has had a major role to play in its history, a diminished understanding robs readers of an essential part of history defined by its characters. India needs more biographies that provide a lens to understand people and past events, and their influence upon the present.

Probal DasGupta is a columnist and author of Watershed 1967. He is working on his next book, to be published this year.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

August 14, 1947 saw the beginning of the partition of India into two nation states. The Partition brought about the displacement of millions of people. A quiz on the same

Prathmesh Kher

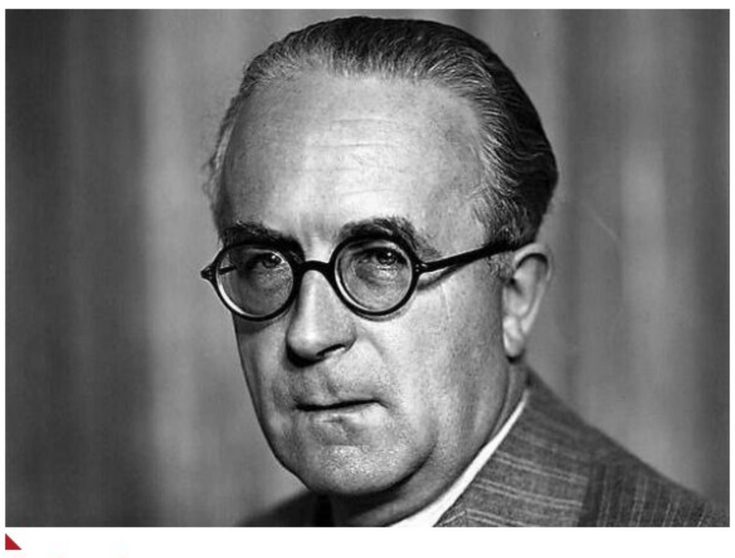
QUESTION 1
Which legal enactment by the British Parliament formalised the Partition of India, and when did it receive Royal Assent?

QUESTION 2
On what dates did the Dominion of India and the Dominion of Pakistan officially come into existence?

QUESTION 3
Approximately how many people were displaced during the Partition, and what are the estimated fatalities?

QUESTION 4
Name the plan agreed upon by the Indian National Congress, the Muslim League, and the Sikh representatives, and with whom was this agreement made?

QUESTION 5
What was the 'Evacuee Property Law' enacted in both India and Pakistan meant to address?



Visual question:
Who chaired the Boundary Commissions for Punjab and Bengal, and what was his professional background?

Questions and Answers to the previous's day's daily quiz: 1. The Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés captured Tenochtitlán ending this empire's rule. **Ans: Aztec**
2. This Cuban revolutionary served as the Prime Minister of Cuba from 1959 to 1976. **Ans: Fidel Castro**
3. Scottish inventor John Logie Baird was known for this invention. **Ans: Television**
4. This American cooking expert was known for her programs on public television. **Ans: Julia Child**
5. This American actor and comedian was best known for his role as the Cowardly Lion in the MGM adaptation of *The Wizard of Oz* (1939). **Ans: Bert Lahr**
Visual: Identify this English film director. **Ans: Alfred Hitchcock**
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Erfanally Oosmany| Parimal Das| Sudhir Thapa| Sushil Prasad

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"I DISLIKE to go to school. When you were young, did you dislike to go to school?"

"I think most people dislike going to school. By the way, it's not dislike to go, but dislike going."

"Why? I can say, I like to eat idlis and I like eating idlis. Right?"

"That's right. But when you use the word dislike, then it cannot be followed by to."

"So, I have to say, I dislike eating idlis. Is that right?"

"That's right. Here's another example. I dislike getting into arguments."

"No, you don't. You love getting into arguments. You dislike going out."

"That's true. I dislike listening to lengthy speeches given at conferences."

"Well, you should listen to the speeches that my principal gives. They are so long. They just go on and on and..."

"...I get the picture. So, as I was..."

"...is there a difference between lengthy and long?"

"Good question. Let me see. If I said, I received a long letter from Padma, what I mean is that the letter ran into several pages."

"So, long refers to the number of pages?"

"You could say that. And..."

"...what if I said I received a lengthy reply from Padma?"

"Well, if you said that, I would argue that what you are talking about is the content of the letter. What you are basically saying is that the letter that you received from Padma was too long and it was very boring to read."

"So, a long letter doesn't necessarily mean a boring letter?"

"No, it doesn't. A long telephone conversation, for example, can be a very interesting one. The word long here refers to the duration of the conversation, not to the content of the conversation."

"I see. So, a long answer is better than a lengthy answer?"

"I would say so. A lengthy answer suggests that it was too long and at times difficult to read."

"Difficult to read because the content was boring?"

"That's right. The politician gave a lengthy speech."

"According to me, all speeches given by politicians are lengthy."

"Many people would agree with you. But remember, you cannot say according to me. It's always according to somebody else. For example, according to the Finance Minister, India is doing very well."

"According to my father, I don't work hard enough."

"I would agree with him. You hardly work!"

"You don't know anything about me."

"According to you I should study at least eight hours a day."

"That's not much, you know."

"That's a lot in my opinion."

"Let's not get into a lengthy discussion. O.K.?"

"Why not? I thought you liked discussions."

"I dislike them. I dislike talking about meaningless things."

Published in The Hindu on August 26, 1997.

Word of the day

Discern:
detect with the senses

Synonyms: distinguish, make out, pick out, recognise, spot, tell apart

Usage: *It was hard to discern her features.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/discernpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /dɪˈsɜːn/

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‘Will neither publish nor circulate panel report on stampede for now’

DNA had filed petition in the High Court complaining that the John Michael Cunha Commission violated provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, while conducting the probe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Tuesday gave an undertaking to the High Court of Karnataka that it would neither publish nor circulate the John Michael Cunha Commission report on the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru on June 4.

State Advocate-General gave this assurance before a Division Bench, comprising Justice Jayant Banerji and Justice Umesh M. Adiga, during the hearing on a petition filed by DNA Entertainment Networks Pvt. Ltd., the event management partner of Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd., which owns Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).

DNA had filed the petition complaining that the commission violated the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (CoI Act), 1952, in the procedure adopted in conducting the inquiry, while contending that the commission had not given an opportunity to DNA to cross-examine witnesses.

A view of slippers left behind after the RCB victory celebrations outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on June 4.

While it has been alleged in the petition that the government had leaked the commission’s report to the media, the A-G told the court the government had nothing to do with reports in the media. In response to A-G Shashi Kiran Shetty’s undertaking, senior advocate B.K. Sampath Kumar, appearing for DNA, told the Bench that the government, while refusing to give a copy of the commission’s report to DNA, had responded in writing that the report of the commission was already given to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is probing the stampede incident based on three First information Reports registered on June 5.

However, the A-G said that the CID has been investigating the stampede incident from June.

Meanwhile, the Bench orally remarked that “some observations in the commission’s report are shocking... they are all not hardened criminals... we are not making any observations at this stage”, while adjourning hearing on the petition till September 4 as the A-G stated that the government would file its written objection to the petition.

Earlier, the Bench posed some questions to the A-G about certain differences in the procedure followed by the commission and the provisions in the Act.

Stampede: CID questions K. Govindaraj

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

K. Govindaraj, former political secretary to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was sacked in the aftermath of the stampede at M. Chinnaswamy stadium that claimed 11 lives on June 4, was questioned by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for over five hours on Wednesday.

Key coordinator

Mr. Govindaraj was the key person coordinating between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), and the city police on June 3 and 4 and was also one of the main organisers of the felicitation of RCB at the Vidhana Soudha, which led to his sacking after the stampede, according to sources.

Timeline of events

CID recorded his statement on Wednesday, trying to pin down the timeline of events, the confusion over the proposed victory parade of RCB in the city, which the police have argued brought lakhs of people to the streets, and the event at KSCA.

‘Tariff hike a blessing in disguise for renewable energy sector’

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The hike in tariffs is a “blessing in disguise” for India’s renewable energy sector, as it may help restrict exports, trigger scale of growth in local markets, bring down the cost of production and in turn make the industry globally competitive, said Pinaki Bhattacharyya, co-chair, FICCI Renewable Energy CEOs Committee.

“The recent tariff increase by the U.S government is a blessing in disguise for the RE sector. The Indian government has introduced many schemes and incentives to encourage production of cells, modules and also wind turbines for the local market. But many manufactures are now exporting them and this is not in the interest of the country,” Mr. Bhattacharyya remarked, while speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of a seminar on Renewable Energy Transition for Commercial and Industrial Consumers in the Southern Region, in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The U.S. tariffs will discourage those exports and encourage Indian manufactures of cells, modules and wind turbines etc. to focus on local markets and bring in scale, maturity and ability to compete globally, he anticipated.

In 2024 alone, the Asia Pacific region got $8 billion from ADB and interestingly, India alone had a share of up to $5 billion, indicating a boom in India’s RE sector. REUTERS

He said, under the new U.S. tariff regime, the landing cost of these products would be much higher in the U.S., making exports unviable for Indian manufacturers.

At the same time, he said, power generators in India were not getting cells and modules from other markets and they were not allowed to import these from China because of certain reactions.

“The government should take a balanced view to stabilise the market environment and growth. It should also introduce some restrictions on exports, not just on imports,” commented Mr. Bhattacharyya, also the founder, CEO, and managing director, AMPIN Energy Transition, a renewable energy transition company.

Since 2023, the Asia Development Bank has set aside $100 billion towards investments in the renewable energy sector in the Asia Pacific region, according to an official of the bank.

In 2024 alone, the region got $8 billion from ADB and interestingly, India alone had a share of up to $5 billion, indicating a boom in India’s RE sector.

Citizens overcome with ‘nostalgia’ as India Post discontinues registered post

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even in the era where online communication is predominant, there are many who continue to use the services of India Post. Recently, when it was announced that the registered post services will soon (September 1) be discontinued and merged with Speed Post services, those in Bengaluru who use the service are concerned.

Registered post, one of the oldest services of India Post, has long been a reliable source of communication related to court, governance, submission of college applications, personal letters, etc. owing to its addressee-specific delivery system.

According to a source in the General Post Office (GPO) of Bengaluru, at least 8,000 to 10,000 Registered Posts are sent through the GPO every day.

“The service is in great demand, especially among advocates, government officials, and banks. People trust the service so much that they even send bank cheques through Registered Post,” the source said.

With the Speed Post being an address-specific delivery system (where anyone available at the address can collect it), regular users of Registered Post worry about the implications.

“For us advocates, especially in cheque bounce cases, the law requires that notices be sent to the accused within 30 days. Without the acknowledgment that Registered Post provides, it becomes difficult for both advocates and the court to ascertain timely delivery. If the alternative, which is the Speed Post in this case, proves to be unreliable, then it will create unnecessary hurdles in the legal system,” explained Samhita Vinod, a practicing advocate from the city.

Registered post has long been a reliable source of communication due to its addressee-specific delivery system. FILE PHOTO

However, India Post has taken to social media to allay the worries of customers and clarified that the benefits of Registered Post will continue to be available with Speed Post.

It said that while Speed Post Letter and Speed Post Parcel will provide address-specific delivery, items booked as Speed Post with registration will be delivered specifically to the addressee.

It will also provide real-time delivery updates, end-to-end online tracking, OTP-based security delivery, and other features. “We are modernising, not erasing,” the social media post said.

While for many, the merger of Registered Post with Speed Post caused worries due to technical reasons, for many others, the news brought back memories of a time when Registered Post was the only reliable source of communication.

“My husband was in the army several decades ago and back then, a Registered Post brought many emotions with it. Even if there were any casualties, it would be communicated through the post only. Luckily, I have never received such news through it, but it remained a constant channel of communication between my husband and me during his stint in the army. I was mildly disappointed when I learned that a service that was so significant to many others like me would soon be a thing of the past,” said Parvathi Kumaran, a senior citizen from Rajajinagar.

Ban on meat sale on August 16

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has issued an order banning animal slaughter and meat sale on Janmashtami [August 16] in the city.

BBMP limits

According to the Joint Director of the BBMP Animal Husbandry Department, the prohibition will apply to all slaughterhouses and meat outlets operating under BBMP limits.

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Tender No: **TIDEL/2025-2026/18** **14.08.2025**

TIDEL Park Limited invites "E-Tender for the Selection of Concessionaire for Development of Information Technology (IT) Park on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer ("DBFOT") Basis with a Concession Period of 45 Years at Coonoor, Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu."
For more details and participation in the above e-Tender, please visit the website www.tntenders.gov.in. Last date for online submission of duly filled in tender documents is **3.00 p.m. on 15.09.2025.** TIDEL Park Limited reserves the right to accept /reject any one/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/4389/TENDER/2025 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes(East Zone & KR Puram Constituency), Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.

No.EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-08/Corr-1/2025-26 Date:12.08.2025

CORRIGENDUM-1

Ref.: Tender Notification No.: **EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-08/2025-26 Date:11.08.2025**, Due to typing error in the period of completion of work and completion period. Following changes have been made.

As per Tender Document	To be read as
Stipulated period of Completion = 11 Months	**Stipulated period of Completion= 12 Months**

All Other terms and conditions remains the same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Lakes(East Zone & KR Puram Constituency).

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-28/2025-2026 **E-TENDERS** **Date: 13.08.2025**

E-tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class-III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence. **S. No., Tender No., (Due Date), Description and quantity.**
1. 04251103, (02.09.2025) Thermal Cum Sound Insulation to PL No. 29721799, 575 Sets. **2.** 04251068A, (08.09.2025) FRP Under Panel of Cab to PL No. 29720930, 621 Sets. **3.** 04251099, (07.10.2025) Set of Bracket to PL No. 29615318, 1043 Sets. **4.** 04251009A, (03.10.2025) Fibre Glass Insulation to PL No. 29721167, 681 Sets. **5.** 04251079A, (18.08.2025) Thermal Box to PL No. 29611179, 2568 Nos. **6.** 04251008A, (30.09.2025) Transition Duct Assly to PL No. 29470079, 786 Sets. **Bid No. E-28/2025-2026 Date: 09.08.2025, 7.** 10251228, (09.09.2025) Developmental Tender for Repair Kit for Injector Assembly (Kit containing 11 Items) Part No.- 16040247, 480 set. **8.** 10251014A, (04.09.2025) Kit of Power ASM-Fork Part No.- 16350108, 1514 Nos., Kit of Power ASM-Blade Part No.- 16350110, 1426 Nos., **9.** 10251151, (01.09.2025) Plate-CAM (Modified) Part No.- 16142664, 1237 Nos. **10.** 10251107, (01.09.2025) Turbo Wheel Impeller Balance Assembly Part No.- 16080385, 538 Nos. **11.** 10251086, (01.09.2025) Developmental Tender for Piston Ring Set Part No.- 16030618, 480 Set. **Bid No. E-28/2025-2026 Date: 12.08.2025, 12.** 10251093A, (28.08.2025) Exhaust Chamber Assly Front (PL No.- 16360163), 67 Nos., **13.** 10251079, (03.09.2025) Kit Hardware Fork-Rod (PL No. 16210542), 4959 Nos., **No. GT/T.Notice/IREPS/2025-2026/E-28 Date: 12.08.2025, 14.** 10251033A, (03.09.2025) Retainer Seal ASM (PL No.- 16330020), 726 Nos., **No. GT/T.Notice/IREPS/2025-2026/E-28 Date: 09.08.2025, 15.** 10241774A, (15.09.2025) Piston Ring Set (PL No.- 16030618), 25937 Set., **CORRIGENDUM NO. E-28/2025-26 Date: 12.08.2025, 16.** Tender No. 03252511, Bid No.-E-22/2025-26, Rev.-01, Existing due Date- 12.08.2025, Revise due Date- 18.08.2025, **17.** Tender No. 03251009A, Bid No.- E-23/2025-26, Rev.-01, Existing due Date- 13.08.2025, Revise due Date- 20.08.2025, **All other terms & condition shall remain unchanged.** The details of above tenders are available on website- **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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No. GESCOM/SEE (Procurement)/EE/AEE/2025-26/34957-62 Date: 13.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)

Manufacture and supply of following materials as per GESCOM Technical Specifications:Tender No:**PC-1463**:Supply of Portable single phase, 3 phase LT&HT Electronic reference standard meters(Accucheck) as per GESCOM specifications.**Tender Amount: Rs. 97.72 Lakhs**, Dates: Bid documents available at KPP Portal: on or after.**14.08.2025** Last Date for Bid submission, Opening of Technical Bid and opening of price Bid: As per KPP Portal. **Bidder Qualifying Requirements**: As per tender documents (IFB): For additional information Contact: Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102. Mobile: 94484 99997. Web Site Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For information about the KPP portal, contact the helpline at **+91 - 8046010000/8068948777/ 9240214000/ 9240214001**or e-mail address:**support@eprochelpdesk.com**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement),
DIPR/Kalaburagi/388/KSMC&A/2025-26 **GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi**

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No.: DCE/ITS/PUR/10/2024-INFO (Computer No. 1336473) **Date: 13.08.2025**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2024-25/SE0006/Call-2** "Providing Services of Data Entry Operators and Group-D Employees on outsource basis for Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	13/08/2025	18/08/2025 11.30 AM	12/09/2025 5.30 PM

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/2316/Zen/2025-26 **Director of Collegiate Education, Bangalore**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. 16/SBC/25 of 29-07-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Bengaluru -Jolarpettai Section:** Proposed GCT siding work of M/s BPCL Ltd at Devanagonthi (DKN) station. **Sub Work - I**: Laying of track, turn outs and connected works. **Sub Work - II**: Rail type buffers for 1 No. **Sub Work - III**: Proposed extension of Bridge No. 813A by cast in-situ method. **Sub Work - IV**: Repairs to CC Apron at Platform No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09 and 10 at Bengaluru yard. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. Composite work.	**Rs. 2,33,35,186/-**
2	**Senior Divisional Engineer/East/Bengaluru:** Construction of new AC loco Shed at Sir M Vishweswaraya Terminal - Bengaluru (SMVB) station. **Sub Work - I**: Proposed construction of covered shed of 60x15m size including 2 pit lines of 50m each at Sir M Vishweswaraya Terminal- Bengaluru (SMVB) station. **Sub Work - II**: Proposed construction of service building at Sir M Vishweswaray Terminal - Bengaluru (SMVB) station (60m x 60m). **Sub Work - III**: Proposed construction of CC Apron at both ends of the AC loco trip shed at Sir M Vishweswaraya Terminal - Bengaluru (SMVB) station. Maintenance period is 12 months. COMPOSITE TENDER.	**Rs. 6,73,53,028/-**
3	**Satellite Goods Terminal (SGT):** Proposed augmentation of infrastructure facilities for capacity enhancement of SGT wagon depot to meet demand of freight loading of 3000 MT target by 2027. **Sub Work - I**: Proposed shed extension by 50m at WFD end at SGT and construction of 26m pit in sick line No.2 at WFD end at SGT. **Sub Work - II**: Proposed re-surfacing of trolley path of 4 yard examination lines and pathway to PWL shed to new office complex (8400sqm). **Sub Work - III**: Proposed demolition of existing building to extend the ROH shed towards Whitefield end and clearing the debris 22x5mtr (G+1) 220sqm. **Sub Work - IV**: Proposed construction of admin building on existing mechanical building FF-252sqm. **Sub Work - V**: Proposed provision of side transparent sheets in existing old shed portion at SGT. **Sub Work-VI**: Proposed construction of room for MFD items at SGT. **Sub Work-VII**: Proposed construction of scrap yard with RCC heavy duty flooring with waist level 3 side wall at SGT. **Sub Work-VIII**: Laying of track and connected works. **Sub Work-IX**: Satellite Goods Terminal (SGT): RCC Buffer - 2 Nos. Maintenance period is 12 months. COMPOSITE TENDER.	**Rs. 7,78,53,862/-**
4	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section: Sub Work - I**: Bidadi (BID) - Provision of Road-06 (Spur line of 686m) with shunting neck of 650m towards Bengaluru end duly dismantling existing goods unloading platform adjacent to Road-5. **Sub Work - II**: Cess repair / widening work at Bidadi. **Sub Work - III**: Construction of RCC Drain for a length of 500m at Bidadi. **Sub Work - IV**: Proposed extension of Bridge No. 498, 499 and 500 in Bidadi station yard. Maintenance period is 4 months. Composite work.	**Rs. 2,54,08,419/-**
5	**KSR Bengaluru:** Proposed construction of new OPD block for Railway Hospital at KSR Bengaluru. Maintenance period is 12 months. Composite Tender.	**Rs. 2,25,48,784/-**
6	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section**: Improvements to minor bridges (40 Nos) of SSE/P.Way/Kengeri (KGI) section in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Mandya sub division. Maintenance period is 4 months.	**Rs. 1,05,50,247/-**
7	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section**: **Sub Work - I:**Through turnout renewal of existing curved switch and CMS crossing with 60 kg TWS and WCMS crossing 23 Sets in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mandya section. **Sub Work - II**: Through fitting renewal for a length of 37.457 Kms at isolated locations between Km 55/000-101/107 on up line in SSE/P.Way/Mandya section. **Sub Work - III**: TRR(P) of existing 60kg rails o 60kg PSC at 1660 Nos/KM with 60kg wider base PSC at 1660/km for a length of 1.83 Kms for curves at isolated locations from km 1/347 to 13/254 (Downline) in SSE/P.Way/Kengeri Section.	**Rs. 1,50,86,436/-**

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 28-08-2025**

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AXIS BANK — PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION

Public Notice for – E-Auction of pledged assets being Gold Ornaments

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the **Axis Bank Limited** against the pledge of gold ornaments("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling up the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on **25.08.2025 at 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM on "As In Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis".**

Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount

Branch Name	Loan A/c No.	Customer Name	Amount Outstanding	Date of Demand Notice	Gross Weight	Net Weight
Banashankari	xxxxxxxxxxx869017	Poornima C	79000	21-06-2025	19.300	14.200
Banashankari, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx284559	K N Shilpa	1710977.97	04-Nov-24	379.500	371.000
Bangarapet Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx717615	Porselvi	535124	24-Mar-25	102.600	102.400
Basaveshwar Nagar,Bangalore[Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx288696	K Chandrashekar	2070800	05-Jun-25	367.700	365.800
Basaveshwar Nagar,Bangalore[Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx555072	Krishnappa	67821.38	17-May-22	24.800	23.000
Belandur Ban Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx685020	Sarath C	114524	08-Apr-25	23.700	23.500
Bidadi, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx176443	Hemanth Kumar B	260901	29-Jul-22	57.100	55.000
Bidadi, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx247410	Syed Mubarak	46000	18-Jul-23	19.400	18.000
Bommasandra	xxxxxxxxxxx673230	Athira Suku	25100	21-06-2025	9.300	5.800
Bommasandra Brura Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx547364	Harender Choudhary	1851493.37	16-Jun-25	323.300	319.600
Chikballapur Kola Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx247048	Archana S	141240	27-Sep-24	35.600	33.300
Chintamani [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx599899	Nagarathnamma M	2185839.64	21-Jul-25	377.700	369.400
Chintamani [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx333806	Nagarathnamma M	547264	21-Jul-25	107.800	99.300
Devanahalli,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx006038	Lakshmi G N	2154060.24	05-Jun-25	537.100	420.100
Dod Ballapur,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx912172	R Shabreen	29164	08-Apr-25	8.030	8.030
Electronic City, Bangalore [Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx823859	Divya Shree K S	99999	21-06-2025	25.500	20.500
Electronic City, Bangalore [Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx192576	Munikrishna M	161655	24-Jan-22	36.300	35.000
Garvebhavipalya Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx024735	Edagottu Simhadri	39810	05-Jun-25	9.700	9.300
Hoskote,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx129377	Praveen S	899864.3	16-Jun-25	195.500	156.300
Hoskote,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx734507	Rajesh Benjamin	137912	16-May-25	37.000	31.700
Hsr Layout, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx221344	Akanksha Yadav	583479	06-Jan-25	153.300	145.000
J P Nagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx782525	Sanjay Poddar	334000	21-06-2025	57.900	54.600
Jayanagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx999221	Vijay Kumar Dasari	292642.83	20-Jun-22	71.100	69.200
Kasthuri Nagar,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx962938	Konsam Gitarani Chanu	54053	26-Jun-25	12.200	11.000
Kolar [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx232647	Manjunath R	75000	12-Oct-22	27.600	24.000
Kolar [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx364444	Roopesh Sharma S N	100366	06-Aug-22	22.900	20.000
Koramangala, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx879161	Ajeeth N	587508	10-Oct-23	128.300	126.500
Koramangala, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx937179	Ajeeth N	565244.67	10-Oct-23	127.800	126.800
Koramangala, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx889396	Somashekara Guttalda	245639	21-Jul-25	47.600	45.800
Mahadevpura Bngr Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx911309	Shantappa	102789	21-Jul-25	20.000	19.800
Malur Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx454285	Bhagya	84549	28-Nov-24	18.000	17.500
Marathahalli, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx219603	Gargi Chakraborty	200100	26-Aug-24	64.700	57.500
Peenya, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx260737	Bharathi B K	513978	16-Jun-25	91.000	89.700
Peenya, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx345220	Vundela Lakshmi	146346.5	05-Jun-25	39.900	38.900
R T Nagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx303974	M S Ganaraja	317310.97	19-Jul-21	180.900	174.700
R T Nagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx864067	Muzakira Banu	138963	16-Jun-25	27.000	26.900
R T Nagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx822509	Mohammed Peer	122101	08-Feb-23	35.800	29.800
Rbi Layout ,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx288496	Gorijala Sirisha	29801	24-Mar-25	7.800	5.800
Robertsonpet Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx140510	Syed Zameer Pasha	235891	21-Jul-25	46.000	45.700
Sarjapur Road Ban Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx596881	B Ananda	147546	08-Apr-25	30.900	29.800
Sarjapur Road Ban Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx510178	M Godwin Nathan	67022.61	18-Jun-22	40.300	28.000
Shanthinagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx247429	Shiva Prasad C	223043.93	12-Oct-22	57.800	57.000
Tiptur [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx890335	Riyaz	131367	04-Nov-24	29.000	28.400
Vidyaranyapura,Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx072696	Harish Kumar C N	113526.25	16-May-25	24.500	24.000
Vijayanagar, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx279980	Nagaraja S H	145209	21-Jul-25	25.200	25.000
Whitefield Main Ban Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx733345	Vijay Kumar	310221.46	16-May-25	61.100	60.000
Whitefield Main Ban Kt	xxxxxxxxxxx841986	Sanath Kumar H V	226925.95	24-Mar-25	66.100	49.100
Yelahanka, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx792467	Shilpa C P	210000	21-06-2025	34.300	34.000
Yelahanka, Bangalore [Kt]	xxxxxxxxxxx494396	Manoj Mohanan	98332.93	28-Feb-23	31.900	31.500

Axis Bank Ltd. has the authority to remove account/change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online https://gold.samil.in on 25.08.2025 between 12:30PM to 3:30PM.
For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website https://gold.samil.in (website of online vendor)

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank LTD.**

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E-TENDER NOTICE No. B/TRD.2025-26/16 Dt: 08.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Item of Work	Approx. Value
Augmentation of capacity of Bengaluru area by providing 30/42 MVA Power Transformer at Whitefield/TSS and erection of released transformers at Yalahanka/TSS. **Period of completion :** 10 Months.	Rs. 3,61,86,857.82

Last Date for Submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 29.08.2025**

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SN	Name of work	Approx. value
1	Repairs/replacement of unserviceable automatic CLS panels and LT UG cables at various stations over Hubballi division	Rs. 49,02,902.00
2	Improvement/ re-wiring of Railway staff quarters over Hubballi division	Rs. 89,53,102.10

Last Date for Submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 08.09.2025**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

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NOTICE OF INVITING E-TENDER
E-Tender Notice No. SNT-Proj-JP -2024-25-14 Dated 11/08/2025

Dy. CSTE/Project/JP acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No SNT-Proj-JP-2024-25-14 closing date 01.09.2025 15:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available ON IREPS portal LIKE net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. **1 Name of work with it location** : "Provision of Lattice Towers in Connection with UHF/LTE & KAVACH Work over balance routes of Jaipur division of North Western Railway." **2 Approx. Cost of work(Rs)** : 388305940.16/- **3 Earnest Money (Rs)** : 2091500/- (online payment only) **4 Date & Time for Submission up to on www.ireps.gov.in** : 01.09.2025 up to 15.00 hrs. **5 Website Particulars & Notice board location :** www.ireps.gov.in and Dy. CSTE/Proj./JP Office **1007-DR/25**

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on below mentioned dates **from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of below mentioned amount.
The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below

Sl No.	Name of the borrower	Description of the Property	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount
1	**Mr. Arifulla**	Apartment bearing Flat No. G-02, Ground Floor, B Block, "Astoria Park" *Apartment* located in Property bearing Sy. No. 135, Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 560100 *East :* Land No. Sy. No. 44 & 45, West : Road, North : Road, South : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 136	**Rs. 63,14,578.86** (Rupees Sixty Three lakhs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight and Paise Eighty Six Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 45.765 Lacs Rs.4.5765 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
2	**Mr. Ashit B Kurbet**	**Flat bearing No. 106,** 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" Apartment, located in property bearing site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Ward No. 171, Sy.No. 11, situated at Singasandra village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560068	**Rs. 79,27,681.54** (Seventy Nine Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty one Rupees and Fifty Four Paisa Only) plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 40.21 Lacs Rs.4.021 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
3	**Mr. Ashit B Kurbet**	**Flat bearing No. 303**, 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" apartment, located in property bearing site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Sy.No. 11, situated at Singasandra village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560068	**Rs. 92,45,844.13** (Ninety Two Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four Rupees and Thirteen Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 41.82 Lacs Rs.4.182 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
4	**Mr. Sarvanan V.**	Apartment bearing Flat No.202, Second Floor, C Block, "Astoria Park" Apartment located in Property bearing Sy.No.135, Situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District - 560100.*East :* Land No. Sy. No. 44 & 45,West : Road, North : Road, South : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 136	**Rs. 77,31,738.01** (**R**upees Seventy Seven lakhs Twenty four thousand nine hundred sixty seven and Paise Eighty three Only)plus further interest thereonfrom 01.05.2025 and other expenses.	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 53.67 Lacs Rs.5.367 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
5	**Mr. Mallesh Kumar.**	Flat No. 102, at 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" Apartment located in Property bearing Site No. 7, Old khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/ 253/ 254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068	**Rs. 91,09,581.29** (Rupees Ninty One Lakhs Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty One and Paisa Twenty Nine Only) plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 49.92 Lacs Rs.4.992 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
6	**Mr. Badni Vijayakumar**	Apartment bearing Flat No. 4012,Fourth Floor, A Block, "Roshan Gardenia" Apartment located in Property bearing No. 1373, Sy. No. 95/2 & 95/3, Situated at 36th Main Road, Subramanyapura, Poornapragna Layout, off Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560061, East : Flat No. 4013, West : Staircase/ lift & Then Flat No.4011, North : Entrance/ Corridor, South : Open to sky	**Rs.1,02,70,411.75** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Seventy thousand Four Hundred Eelven and Seventy Five Paise Only) Plus Further Interest Thereon From 01.08.2025 other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 74.26 Lacs Rs.7.426 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
7	**Mr. Balaji N**	Apartment bearing Flat No. 406, Forth Floor, D Block, "Roshan Platinum" *Apartment* located in Property bearing No. 1337, Sy. No. 83/1 & 83/2, Situated at Arekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560076, *East :* Flat No. 407,West : Flat No.406, North : Entrance/ Corridor South : Open to sky.	**Rs. 1,49,56,247.11** (Rupees One crore forty nine eight lakhs fifty six thousand two hundred forty seven and Paise eleven Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 112.82 Lacs Rs.11.282 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
8	**Mr. Srikanth Maganti.**	Apartment bearing Flat No. 709, Seventh Floor, D Block, "Roshan Platinum" Apartment located in Property bearing No. 1337, Sy. No. 83/1 & 83/2, Situated at Arekere Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560076,*East :* Residential Flat., flat no. not mentioned,West : Open to sky, North : Open to sky,South : Entrance/ corridor	**Rs.1,30,49,362.84** (Rupees One Crore Thirty lakhs Forty Nine thousand Three hundred Sixty Two and Eighty Four Paise Only)plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 102.60 Lacs Rs.10.260 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
9	**Mr. Jiss George**	Residential Flat bearing No.307, Third Floor, Midhila Deluxe Apartment, 6th Cross, 1st Main Road, Near R V Kalyana Mantapa, MaruthiNagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.	**Rs. 1,37,86,422.09**(Rupees One Crore Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two and Nine paisa Only)plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 64.05 Lacs Rs.6.405 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
		Residential Flat bearing No.405, Fourth Floor, Midhila Deluxe Apartment, 6th Cross, 1st Main Road, Near R V Kalyana Mantapa, MaruthiNagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.			**Rs. 77.18 Lacs Rs.7.71 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
10	**M/s A. Manoj Enterprises**	Vacant Residential plot at Site No. 226, Woods Ville Layout, Sy No. 30/2, M Medahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekel Taluk, Banagalore Urban District. (Property in the name of Arul Manikam), Extent: 1500 Sq ft Bounded by: East: vacant Plot, West : Road, North : Vacant Plot, South: Vacant Plot.	**Rs. 1,01,85,395.01** (Rupees One Crore One Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five and One paisa Only) plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 17.55 Lacs Rs.1.755 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
		Vacant Residential plot at Site No. 227, Woods Ville Layout, Sy No. 30/2, M Medahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekel Taluk, Banagalore Urban District. (Property in the name of Shanthi), Extent: 1500 sq ftBounded by:East: vacant Plot, West : Road, North : Vacant Plot, South: Vacant Plot			**Rs. 17.55 Lacs Rs.1.755 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
11	**Mr. Naresh M**	Residential Flat No. SF-1, Second Floor, "ARIHANT MSR NEEPA", Site No. 34 & 41, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore- 560078, bounded by : **for Site No. 34**: East : Site No. 41 & 42, West : Road, North : Site No. 33, South : Site No. 36 **for Site No. 41**: East : Road, West : Plot No. 34 & 35, North : Plot No.40, South : Plot No. 33	**Rs. 90,98,343.51** (Rupees Nine lakhs Ninety Eight thousand Three hundred Forty Three and Paise Fifty One Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 49.75Lacs Rs.4.975 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
12	**Mr. Prashanth Gowda.**	Residential Flat situated @ Flat No. 107 (2-BHK), 1st floor, facing West "NEHA SADAN" Apartment, Site No. Sy No. 11, 11th main road, AECS Layout, 'A' Block, Singasandra Village, Bengaluru - 560068	**Rs. 1,28,06,827.71**(Rupees One Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven and Seventy One Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs.32.49 Lacs Rs.3.249 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
13	**Mr. Raghu Patil**	Residential Flat No. B 201, Second Floor, B Block, "MAHAGHAR'S VAJRA", Holiday Village Road, Vajrahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore- 560062, bounded by : East : Property Belonging to Bangalore City Co-operative Housing Society, West : 30 Ft Road, North : 40 Ft Road South : 40 Ft Road	**Rs. 58,41,690.23** (Rupees Fifty Eight lakhs Forty One thousand Six Hundred Ninety and Paise Twenty Three Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.08.2025 and other expenses.	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 37.15 Lacs Rs.3.715 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
14	**Mr. Umesh Gowda**	Apartment bearing Flat No. 205, at 2nd Floor, of the building known as "NEHA SADAN" located in Site bearing No. 7, Old khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/ 253/254/11/7, Sy. No. 11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560 068.	**Rs. 84,42,376.38** (Rupees Eighty Four lakhs Forty Two thousand Three hundred Seventy Six and Paise Thirty Eight Only)plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 and other expenses.	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 38.91 Lacs Rs.3.891 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
15	**Mr. Santhosh Kumar N**	Resideintial Flat No. SF-3, Second Floor, " Arihanth MSR Neepa", Site No. 34 & 41, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560 078, bounded by : For Site No. 34: East: Site No. 41 & 42, West: Road, North: Site No. 33, South : Site No. 36 For Site No. 41: East: Road, West: Plot No. 34 & 35, North: Plot No. 40, South : Plot No.33	**Rs. 84,36,888.81** (Rupees Eighty Four lakhs thirty six thousand eighty hundred eighty eight and Paise eighty one Only)plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 and other expenses.	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 49.75 Lacs Rs.4.975 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
16	**Mr. Vinay S**	Resideintial Flat No. FR F-1, Fourth Floor, " Arihanth MSR Neepa", Site No. 34 & 41, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560 078, bounded by : For Site No. 34: East: Site No. 41 & 42, West: Road, North: Site No. 33, South : Site No. 36 For Site No. 41: East: Road, West: Plot No. 34 & 35, North: Plot No. 40, South : Plot No.33	**Rs. 90,69,216.58** (Rupees Ninety lakhs sixty nine thousand two hundred sixteen and Paise fifty eight Only) plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 and other expenses.	**29.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 49.75 Lacs Rs.4.975 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**
17	**M/s Brahmi Wright Technologies**	Residential Flat No. A 003, Ground Floor, A Block, "The LEDGE APARTMENT", Katha No. 4/11/7 & 11/8, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Banaglore North Taluk, Bangalore-560064, bounded by : East : Site No. 41 & 42, West by : Road, North : Site No. 33, South : Site No. 36.	**Rs. 1,34,22,411.96** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four lakhs Twenty Two thousand Four hundred Eleven and Paise Ninety Six Only)plus further interest thereonfrom 01.08.2025 and other expenses	**30.08.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 33.80 Lacs Rs.3.38 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**

Known encumbrances, if any: NIL
The EMD should be deposited for Sl. No. 1 to 16 on or before 28.08.2025 & for Sl. No.17 on or before 29.08.2025 up to 4.00 pm
The properties will not be sold below the Reserve Price.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (**https://baanknet.com/**) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No.8598009010, 9966397756,8949226557 and 9039609346) during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date :12.08.2025

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Authorised Officer,
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Primary school teachers to boycott classes, go on strike from Sept. 3

The main reason for the teachers' protest is that over 40,000 of these primary school teachers have graduated, but they have not been promoted as GPT since 2016-17

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The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association has submitted a petition to the government and has given a deadline of August 27 for the fulfilment of its demands. FILE PHOTO

Around 1.4 lakh government primary school teachers (PST) have decided to boycott classes and go on an indefinite strike from September 3 demanding the fulfilment of various demands. The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association has submitted a petition to the government in this regard and has given a deadline of August 27 for the fulfilment of their demands, failing which it has been decided to boycott classes 6 to 8.

Graduate primary teachers (GPT) are being recruited across the State from the academic year of 2016-17 to teach classes 6 to 8. Before 2016-17, the government had recruited over 1.4 lakh teachers to teach classes 1 to 7. Out of these, eligible graduate teachers were being promoted to the post of high school teachers.

But, after the recruitment of GPTs, the Cadre and Recruitment Rules (C&R rules) were amended in 2016-2017 and all teachers who were recruited for classes 1 to 7 before 2017 were demoted and designated as primary school teachers (PST) for classes 1 to 5 only.

The main reason for the teachers' protest is that over 40,000 of these primary school teachers have graduated, but they have not been promoted as GPT since 2016-17.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Chandrashekara Nugli, president of the Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association, said: "A meeting was held with the Chief Minister on September 4, 2024 to discuss the problems of primary school teachers and fulfilment of their demands. The Chief Minister had promised to take a decision within a month after holding comprehensive consultations with the Minister for School Education and officials. Even after a year, our demand has not been fulfilled."

"The struggle has started at all taluk and district levels since August 12 to demand the fulfilment of our demands. If the demands are not met by August 27, classes will be boycotted and an indefinite strike will be held at Freedom Park in Bengaluru from September 3. The struggle will continue until the demands are met by celebrating Teachers' Day at the protest site," he added .

Meanwhile, a meeting was held, headed by Basavaraj Horatti, Chairman of Legislative Council with Madhu Bangarappa, Minister of School Education, and MLCs belonging to teachers and graduates constituencies on Wednesday. The MLCs urged the Minister to promote PST teachers with degrees as GPT teachers.

Six-year-old child from Ghana undergoes open heart surgery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

A six-year-old child from Ghana underwent a successful open heart surgery at the State-run Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research in Bengaluru.

The male child, Jaden Nyhiraba Acheampong, was brought to the hospital with symptoms of chest pain and dyspnea. He was diagnosed with right ventricular outflow obstruction (RVOT). Earlier, the child had undergone non-surgical device closure of Ventricular Septal Defect in Ghana. With lack of adequate facilities in Ghana for such complex heart surgery, the parents were advised to take the child to Jayadeva institute. Rotary International from Ghana contacted Bangalore Rotary International District 3190 and Rotary Needy Heart Foundation for help to get the surgery done in Bengaluru.

The surgery was done free of cost by the institute with a partial amount paid by Rotary Club.

The child was admitted on July 23.

A team of doctors comprising Jayaranganath, Professor of paediatric cardiology, P.K. Sunil, vascular surgeon, and other doctors performed the heart surgery on July 29. He was discharged from the hospital on August 8 in a hemodynamically stable condition, doctors said.

According to Jayadeva Director K.S. Ravindranath, nearly 10 out of every 1,000 babies are born with complex congenital disease more commonly in the form Tetralogy of Fallot, Heart Holes, or narrowing of the valves. The usual symptoms of retardation of heart holes are fever, recurrent cough, common cold, pneumonia, growth and bluish discoloration of skin and nails, and poor weight gain, he said.

CET/NEET: Revised schedule for choice entry

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BENGALURU

For those allotted seats in the first round of UGCET/NEET courses, a revised schedule for choice entry has been announced. Karnataka Examinations Authority's Executive Director H. Prasanna has advised candidates to pay the fees within the stipulated period and secure admission to the allotted college without fail.

For courses such as Engineering, Agricultural Sciences, Veterinary, BPharm, Pharma D, Yoga and Naturopathy, BPT, BPO, Allied Health Sciences, Architecture, B.Sc Nursing, and Homoeopathy, candidates who have been allotted seats can enter their choices until 11 a.m. on Thursday, according to the press release.

Fee payment is allowed until 4 p.m. on Thursday. The last date to report to the college is Friday.

There will be no changes to this schedule, and the dates will not be extended, he emphasised.

For those allotted seats in medical and dental courses, the choice entry link will be activated from 1 p.m. on Thursday and will remain open until Saturday. Fee payment can be made until August 18, and the last date to report to the college is August 19, he said.

Candidates who select Choice-1 must pay the fees online and download the seat allotment letter. Afterwards, they must report to the allotted college with all the original documents.

This time, original document verification will be done at the college level itself. Therefore, candidates must carry the original documents as per their claim category. The responsibility of verifying whether the documents are in order lies with the respective colleges, he explained.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carry explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (August 14, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- How can SC/ST scholarships be expanded? **newsth.live/sctstscholarshipexp**
- 75 years since Assam quake, Himalayas prep for large hydro projects **newsth.live/Assamquake**

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Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
19 / 2025-26	SE / C / PCC	Manufacture and supply of 39600 Nos of 8m 200kg PSC Poles at MG Pudur PSC Yard in Western side platform.
M-183 / 2025-26	CE / MM	Supply of 11KV Outdoor Vacuum Circuit Breakers.

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**
DIPR/4406/Tender/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking a title investigation on the land bearing Survey No. 239/1 measuring 01 Acre 04 Guntas, situated at Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District (more fully described in the **'Schedule'** hereto and hereinafter referred to as **'Schedule Property'**). The said title due diligence is being conducted for and on behalf of our Client who is desirous of entering into certain transactions in relation to the Schedule Property. **Mrs. Nanjamma** (wife of Late Mr. B.V. Nanjemariyappa) (**'Owner'**) has represented to our Client that she is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property and has unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owner, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or submit their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof to support such claim/s or objections, and must be delivered to us at the address given below within a period of **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owner has/have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No. 239/1** measuring 01 Acre 04 Guntas, situated at Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. The said property is bounded as follows: On the **East by:** Lands bearing Survey No. 231/1, Survey No. 231/4 and Survey No. 231/3; On the **West by:** Land bearing Survey No. 239/2B; On the **North by:** Land bearing Survey No. 240/1; On the **South by:** Land bearing Survey No. 239/2A.

Date: 14.08.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- **Mr. Srinivas B.R., Partner**
DSK Legal, Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor, No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road, Bengaluru – 560025.
Tel: 080-69548770

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telephone : 080-22024000
e-mail : mdkrdcl@gmail.com, cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in
No. KRDCL/IFB /2025-26/11 Date: 13.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION ON TURNKEY BASIS (Call-2)
(through KPP Portal)

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites bids for **Construction of High-level Minor Bridge across Krishna River Tributory near Shilahalli Village in Lingasugur Taluk, Raichur District** on Turnkey Basis based on Tenderer's own Design on two cover system. Approx. cost of work : **Rs. 9.58 Crore.** EMD Amount : **Rs.9.58 Lakh** (Rs.1.00 Lakh through KPP Portal & Rs.8.58 lakh in the form of Bank Guarantee). **Period of Completion (including monsoon):** 24 months.

Interested applicants can view and download the complete proposal documents from GoK KPP portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (a)** Last date for submission of bids through KPP portal: **28.08.2025 upto 17:30 Hrs. (b)** Date and time of opening of Technical bids is : **30.08.2025 at 11:30 Hrs.**

*Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes if any, will be updated only on KPP Portal / KRDCL website : **https://www.krdcl.in**

Sd/- **Chief Engineer**
DIPR/CP/YC/2305/2025-26 **KRDCL, Bengaluru**

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited,
Upper Tunga Project Division, Shimoga
Ph : 08182-257189 Fax : 08182-254832
E-mail : eeutpsmg@gmail.com

Short Term PercentageTender Notification
(Through KPP Portal only)

1)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.09/2025-26/ Dated: 08.08.2025
2)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.10/2025-26/ Dated: 08.08.2025
3)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.11/2025-26/ Dated: 08.08.2025
4)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.12/2025-26/ Dated: 08.08.2025

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e- portal system from Eligible contractors coming Under Head of Account 2701 & 4701 Upper Tunga Project

1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation **is Rs 3.79, 28.87, 36.59 & 101.52 lakhs (Excluding GST)** (2) Pre Bid Meeting in EE,KNNL UTP Divn Smg office **on 14.08.2025 @ 11.00 a.m** (3) Last date for questions/clarifications regarding the tender **: 14.08.2025 upto 5.30 p.m** (4) Date for Submission of filled tenders from: **08.08.2025 to 19.08.2025 upto 5.29 P.M.**

Further details on date of opening the Tender/Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **https:\\kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** For further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone No 08182-254832 Information can be obtained through **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in/**

DIPR/SMG/No.49-08 zenkar/2025-26 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga**

भारतीय खाद्य निगम
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE : No. 10, EAST END MAIN ROAD, 4th 'T' BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU - 560041

RO KA-34.0025.0/2/2025-SLS-RO KA Date:13.08.2025

NOTICE

The General Manager (Karnataka), Food Corporation of India, Regional Office, Bangalore invites applications from Small Private Traders for sale of Rice from FCI Depots,under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic)under the following category.

Category	Reserve Price (Rs. Per qtl) PAN INDIA RATE	
	Till 31.10.2025	From 01.11.2025 to 30.06.2026
Sale of Rice from FCI depots to Small Private Traders/Entrepreneurs/Individuals.	Rs. 2800/-	Rs. 2890/-

Small private Traders/ Entrepreneurs/Individuals with GST of Karnataka state may purchase 1 to 9 MT of Rice stocks once per week at above fixed reserve price plus applicable taxes under OMSS (D) without participation in the e-auction.

Interested buyers can go through the instructions published in FCI website **www.fci.gov.in** and contact the concerned FCI Divisional offices for purchase of Rice from notified FCI depots.

General Manager (Karnataka)
FCI, Regional Office, Bangalore

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ: ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ:ಕಾವಿ:ಟೆಂಡರ್:17/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 12.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e- Procurement portal)

Tenders have been invited through KPP portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Standard Tender Document procedure to procure the following in the limits of Shivamogga City Corporation. The bidders who are interested in participating through KPP portal can obtain the details in website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. For Indent No. DMA/2025-26/IND5094/Call-2 and DMA/2025-26/IND5174, Last date for submission of tender through KPP portal : **20.08.2025 (upto 4.00 P M). 2.** For Indent No. DMA/2025-26/IND5094/Call -2 and DMA/2025-26/IND5174, the date for opening of technical bid : **21.08.2025 (at 4.30 P M). 3.** For Indent No. DMA/2025-26/IND5094/Call -2 and DMA/2025-26/IND5174, the date for opening of Financial bid : **22.08.2025 (at 4.30 P M). 4.** For Indent No.DMA/2025-26/IND5094/call-2, Grants : General Fund of the City Corporation for the year 2025-26. And for Indent No. DMA/2025-26/IND5174, Grants : SFC Drinking Water Fund for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Note: More details can be had from kpp portal and other details from office notice board. Any changes or corrigendum will be notified in kpp portal only.

DIPR/SMG/No- 52-08/ zenkar/2025-26

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
City Corporation, Shivamogga

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR.
'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC-08/2025-26

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	Bid Security (Rs.) E.M.D.	Cost of Bid documents (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Bid documents available online for bidding From	Bid documents available online for bidding To	Date of opening of Technical Bid	Period of completion of work
ACE, CIC, Bhubaneswar	NGR-05/ 2025-26	Construction of CC Lining in Balugaon and Itamati Distributary under Dahuka Irrigation Project.	787.40	787400/- (On Line)	10000/- (On Line)	"A" & "Special" Class	18.08.2025 At 10.00 Hours	01.09.2025 At 17.00 Hours	02.09.2025 At 11.00 Hours	18 (Eighteen Calendar Month)

e-mail ID:- **secic_dowr@yahoo.com**
Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. website: **www.tenderorissa.gov.in**
Additional Chief Engineer, Central Irrigation Circle
A-505: OIPR-32160/11/0034/2526

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-43/660/2025-26 Date: 13.08.2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

EPC Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the work mentioned below:

Name of the Work : 1) Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Erection, Laying, Construction and Commissioning of MS Pipe Gravity Main from MBR to IPS-3 and construction of Intermediate Pumping Station-3, (IPS-3), Pumping machineries and allied works inside the pump houses, 5 years of O&M for Providing & supplying fresh water to the industrial areas in districts around Bengaluru on EPC Basis. (Package-3).

2) Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Erection, Laying, Construction and Commissioning of MS Pipe Rising Main from IPS-03 to Malur and other Industrial areas, Land Acquisition & 5 years of O&M for Providing & supplying fresh water to the industrial areas in districts around Bengaluru on EPC Basis. (Package-4).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **16.09.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/CP/2317/Zen/2025-26 **Sd/- Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

ODISHA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENCE & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
BHUBANESWAR-751003
Ref. No 2410 /CVS. Dt. 11.08.2025

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF GUEST FACULTY

Guest Faculty are required for different departments of CVSc & AH as details given below. The details of position, qualification, experience and other terms & conditions are available on the OUAT website: **www.ouat.ac.in**

Date of Interview	Time	Subject	Venue
Guest Faculty			
25.08.2025	11.30 AM	Vety. Medicine, Vety. Surgery, Poultry Science, Vety. Public Health, Livestock Production Management	Conference Hall, CVSc & AH

Documents required

A copy of the bio-data with original and photocopies of all mark sheets and certificates along with a Bank Draft of Rs.500/- in favour of **"Comptroller, OUAT, Bhubaneswar-751003"** payable at Bhubaneswar.

M-22: Sd/- **DEAN**
OIPR-01501/11/0003/2526

No skeletal remains found on Wednesday

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) did not find any skeletal remains on Wednesday as it continued excavation at site no. 13 as part of the probe into alleged burials in Dharmasthala village, sources said.

After scanning the large plain area at site no. 13 using drone-mounted Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), the SIT began excavating the site using two earth movers on Tuesday and did not find any skeletal remains.

It did not find any remains during the excavation on Wednesday either.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Jagganathan Vasudevan

We mourn the loss of **Jagganathan Vasudevan**, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a distinguished member of the Indian Administrative Service, 1968 batch. He passed away peacefully on August 12th 2025, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and public service.

Over the course of his illustrious career, he served in many roles across the country with wisdom, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to the people. His professionalism was matched only by his warmth, humility, and compassion, qualities that endeared him to colleagues and family alike.

He is survived by his loving family, who will forever carry forward his values and memories. His life remains a testament to service above self.

May his soul rest in peace.

Prema Vasudevan
Son & family: Arun Vasudevan, Ansh, Shivani
Daughter & family: Gayathri Vasudevan & M Srinath, Ananth, Shreya & Rohit

Bill passed to relax conversion of farmland for industrial use

It proposes doing away with DC's permission for entrepreneurs to convert farmland up to two acres for industrial use; would provide a lot of relief to those who wanted to set up MSMEs on agricultural lands: Byre Gowda

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Assembly has passed the Karnataka Land Reforms and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2025, for allowing the conversion of agricultural land up to two acres for the establishment of new industries, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

At present, any person holding agricultural land must apply to the Deputy Commissioner for permission to divert it for non-agricultural use, as per Section 95 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda informed the House that the Deputy Commissioner's permission was not required for entrepreneurs to convert farmland up to two acres for industrial use without any difficulties.

The Bill would not only ensure ease in governance, but also provide a lot of relief to those who wanted to set up MSMEs on agricultural lands. An amendment would eliminate all middlemen in the conversion of agricultural lands into non-agricultural purposes up to two acres, he said.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda speaking in the Legislative Council, in Bengaluru, on Wednesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

For renewable energy
The Bill has proposed doing away with the need to convert agricultural land for non-agricultural use for the establishment of renewable energy projects.

He said the amendment would encourage renewable energy projects for increasing the generation of clean energy projects, such as solar or wind, in the State, subject to payment of the prescribed fees to the authorities concerned.

Penal clause
The Bill proposed to remove a three-year imprisonment clause for people who sell agricultural land for non-agricultural use without prior approval. At present, this offence carries a fine of ₹10,000 along with a three-year imprisonment.

However, it has increased the penalty to ₹1 lakh. However, the penalty would not be applicable to causes which were regularised by the government by formulating a special scheme.

Property registration
In order to reduce human intervention during the registration of properties and the use of digital signatures of competent authorities, the Assembly passed the Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2025.

The Bill would ensure due diligence is undertaken by the Sub-Registrar at the time of registration of property, in the interest of the public.

It would ensure integration of property software to prevent illegal registration of properties in urban areas also and to simplify property registration.

It would also enable e-Registration/Remote Registration of some compulsory registrable documents without the physical presence of either party in the Sub-Registrar's offices, and certified copies would be made available through a centralised virtual distribution system to avoid delay.

Authorities Bills
The Assembly passed a Bill related to the authorities of Banavasi, Basavakalyan, Kittur, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area, and Kaginele development to make the Revenue Minister or any other Minister as chosen by the Chief Minister the chairman of the authorities.

At present, the Chief Minister is the chairman of all authorities.

Road accidents claim 60,115 lives in five-and-a-half years in State: Transport Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka reported 2,13,192 road traffic accidents and 60,115 fatalities over the past five-and-a-half years, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy informed the Legislative Council on Wednesday.

Replying to BJP member K.S. Naveen, he said coordinated efforts by the Transport, Police, Law, and Public Works departments have reduced accident numbers in recent years. However, youth fatalities remain high, with overspeeding, wheelies, riding without wearing helmets, and drunken driving cited as major causes, he said.

As of now, the State has issued 80,43,253 two-wheeler driving licences, 1,17,34,448 four-wheeler driving licences, and 7,14,380 heavy vehicle driving licences. Additionally, 2,57,321 tractors and 2,89,977 yellow-board taxis are registered, the Minister said.

While 34,178 accidents and 3,760 deaths were recorded in 2020, the next year (2021) saw 34,647 accidents with 10,038 deaths. In 2022, 39,762 accidents with 11,702 deaths were recorded, and 43,440 accidents with 12,321 deaths were recorded in 2023. In 2024, 39,228 accidents with 10,319 deaths, and in 2025 (so far), 21,937 accidents with 5,975 deaths have been recorded, he said.

Road accidents and deaths in State

Year	Accidents	Deaths
2020	34,178	3,760
2021	34,647	10,038
2022	39,762	11,702
2023	43,440	12,321
2024	39,228	10,319
2025 (so far)	21,937	5,975

Highest in Bengaluru
In the last five-and-a-half years, Bengaluru reported the highest number of accidents, 21,910, resulting in 4,154 deaths and injuries to 16,247 people, he said.

Two lakh allottees to get podis by December

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told the Legislative Council that by December 2025, at least 2 lakh government land allottees will get *podi* (land demarcation document) through a State-wide campaign.

Currently, 73,390 survey numbers have 2.51 lakh allottees, while 67,000 survey numbers are yet to complete the '1-to-5' process. The document requirement has been reduced from five to three to speed up work.

The Minister said the government is taking up *podi* proactively without waiting for applications, unlike previous regimes.

Special committee
All missing record cases are being handled by a special committee fortnightly, Mr. Byre Gowda said.

He also pointed out that all taluk office records – about 100 crore pages – are being digitised, with 33 crore pages already scanned, to be fully accessible to the public by February 2026.

Empowering Registrars
The State government will soon empower district Registrars to cancel fraudulent property registrations proven to be based on forged documents or impersonation, Mr. Byre Gowda informed the Legislative Council on Wednesday.

Responding to Congress member Ramoji Gowda, the Minister said victims of such fraud currently have to seek relief through courts, which can take years. The proposed change will allow quicker action once fraud is established.

A draft rule enabling this will be published later this month, the Minister said.

Probe sought into youth's murder in Koppal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition BJP on Wednesday demanded a National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe into the alleged murder of Gavisiddappa Nayak in Koppal of North Karnataka. They met Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot later in the day and submitted a memorandum in this regard.

In the House, B.Y. Vijayendra, president of the State unit of the BJP, raised the issue during the Zero Hour in the Legislative Assembly and demanded that the government provide a compensation of ₹50 lakh to the family of the victim.

He said Gavisiddappa Nayak (26) was allegedly murdered in Koppal on the night of August 3 for being in love with a Muslim woman.

Karnataka records 1,799 child marriages in 3 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 1,799 child marriages took place in the last three years in the State, informed Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday.

In a reply to JD(S) floor leader Suresh Babu during Question Hour, the Minister said 405 children in 2022-23, 709 in 2023-24 and 685 children in 2024-25 were married off and that child marriages were the major reason for the increasing number of underage pregnancies in the State.

Child marriages in Karnataka

Year	No. of child marriages
2022-23	405
2023-24	709
2024-25	685

Child Helpline No: 1098

Social mores
Ms. Hebbalkar said social customs practised in some communities and tribal societies were a significant factor in the continued practice of child marriages.

The Child Protection Committees (CWCs) were functioning in each district under the jurisdiction of the department, and there were four such committees in Bengaluru city.

Ms. Hebbalkar said there was a necessity for coordination among several departments to prevent child marriages and underage pregnancies.

The helpline number 1098 has been functioning to ensure the safety of children.

'Akka Pade'
Ms. Hebbalkar said watch committees need to be formed from the gram panchayat level to the district level to ensure the safety of the children.

Based on the 'Akka Pade' comprising women police officers and NCC cadets formed in Bidar district, the department has decided to form the same in Mysuru, Belagavi and Mangaluru by providing vehicles and other facilities for the safety of school and college students, and, women, she said. The 'Akka Pade' has become a successful model in the Bidar district, the Minister said.

Underage pregnancies
Mr. Babu, however, provided his own data and claimed that 26,000 underage pregnancies were recorded in the State. The number of underage pregnancies was highest in Belagavi (2,622), followed by Bagalkot (897), Ballari (850) and Koppal (617).

State rolls out measures to enforce plastic ban in temples from tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

From August 15, the use of all types of plastic – including water bottles – will be strictly prohibited in all temples under the State's Religious Endowment Department, and measures are being put in place to enforce it, Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy informed the Council.

He said several measures have been taken to keep the premises inside and outside notified/declared temples and institutions clean. A project management unit has been set up, and in the first phase, 25 temples under the department have been selected for the installation of solid and liquid waste management units.

Locations have been identified for these units, and a team of experts will oversee scientific waste disposal, he said.

Officials of temples under the department's jurisdiction have been instructed to impose fines if plastic products are used within their premises.

However, this order will not apply to private temples, he clarified. The Minister further stated that funds collected in government temples will be used only for the maintenance, renovation, and basic facilities of the respective temples, as well as for educational institutions run by them and other religious purposes, not for any other purpose.

Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy speaking in the Legislative Council, in Bengaluru, on Wednesday. THE HINDU

In the first phase, 25 temples have been selected for the installation of solid and liquid waste management units, says Muzrai Minister

Pointing out that efforts will be made to adopt the practice of chanting mantras in Kannada in the temples of the State, Mr. Reddy said that if mantras are recited in Kannada, everyone will be able to understand them. He also assured the Legislative Council that grants will be provided through the Social Welfare Department for small shrines belonging to people living inside forests.

Replying to BJP MLC Shantharam Budna Siddi in the Council, the Minister said grants can be sanctioned under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) schemes for shrine construction in areas where tribal and forest-dwelling communities live.

The matter would be discussed with the Social Welfare Minister, he said, adding that limited grants could also be provided through the Muzrai Department using his special powers.

Mr. Siddi said that there are about 50 tribal and forest-dwelling communities, of which 40 live inside forests. These communities often worship in front of stone idols.

He pointed out that there is currently no grant available to build shrines in such places.

'Urea shortage is a national problem'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy on Wednesday not only blamed the "short supply" of urea by the Centre for the shortage of the fertilizer in the State, but also blamed the Opposition parties for pushing farmers into panic mode, and added that it had come in the way of finding alternative solutions.

Replying to a debate in the Assembly on the shortage of urea that has caused concern among farmers, Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy argued that it was not a phenomenon confined to Karnataka alone, as various other States, including Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, too, were facing such a shortage. "The entire country is facing urea shortage due to various reasons, including the problems related to its import," he maintained.

Accusing the Opposition parties of indulging in politics over the urea shortage, he said, "If you [the Opposition] desist from politicising the shortage, 50% of the problem would be resolved from tomorrow." He reiterated that there was a short supply of 2.74 lakh tonnes of urea by the Centre so far. The demand for urea and DAP fertilizers had increased in the State as the area under cultivation had increased due to a robust monsoon and sowing activities. But what aggravated the situation was the short-supply by the Centre, he said.

"But just when we were planning to handle the shortage situation through measures to create awareness among farmers about the advantage of switching over to more efficient alternatives like nano urea and the need to desist from indiscriminate use of urea in the interest of soil health, the Opposition parties created a panic situation among farmers about urea shortage. This came in the way of handling the situation," he alleged.

He said even on Tuesday, he had requested Union Agriculture Minister Shivaraj Singh Chauhan to provide more urea to the State. The Opposition too could have convinced the Centre to release an additional quantum of urea to the State, he said.

Alleging that the Minister's reply was of no use in resolving the problems of farmers , the Opposition BJP and JD(S) members staged a walkout.

Heated exchange between Ashwath Narayan and Shivakumar over fertilizer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The debate on the shortage of urea generated heat in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, with a heated exchange between BJP leader C.N. Ashwath Narayan and Senior Minister K.J. George, as well as Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, leading to an adjournment of the House for some time.

The trouble began when Deputy Leader of the Opposition Arvind Bellad, speaking about the urea shortage, mentioned figures related to the supply situation.

While Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy took exception, Mr. Ashwath Narayan came to the defence of Mr. Bellad. Senior Minister K.J. George intervened and accused the BJP of always depending upon lies.

Mr. Ashwath Narayan shot back by telling Mr. George that he always struggled to reply to subjects like smart meters that are part of his own portfolio. Angered by this, Mr. George said there was a law and a court, referring to him taking legal recourse with respect to the controversy over the procurement of smart meters.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar speaking in the Assembly, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. PTI

Chief Minister asks members to desist from using singular references and indulging in personal attacks

As the war of words escalated, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar intervened and unleashed an attack, referring to Mr. Ashwath Narayan in the singular and calling him "father of corruption." Mr. Ashwath Narayan launched a counter-attack, saying, "The entire world knows who is the father of corruption."

As the situation appeared to be getting out of hand, Appaji Nadagouda, who was in the Speaker's chair, adjourned the House for some time.

When the House reassembled, Speaker U.T. Khader appealed to the members to introspect on their behaviour. On his part, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked the members to desist from using singular references and indulging in personal attacks.

Mr. Shivakumar said he considered Mr. George as his leader, and hence keeping quiet when he was being attacked was not appropriate.

In the net: Union Minister Suresh Gopi coming out of Thrissur railway station on Wednesday morning. K. K. NAJEEB

Voter list row: Suresh Gopi mum as parties demand clarification

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

As accusations of voter list fraud in the Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency in the 2024 general elections appeared to turn from a trickle into a torrent, the ruling front and the opposition in Kerala ratcheted up their demand for a public accounting from MP and Union Minister of State for Tourism Suresh Gopi.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary, M.A. Baby, dismissed former Kerala BJP president K. Surendran's averment that Mr. Gopi owed no explanation and the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) and opposition United Democratic Front (UDF) were grousing belatedly about Election Commission officials in Thrissur stacking the odds in favour of the Union Minister.

Speaking to reporters in New Delhi, Mr. Baby said: "Belated reporting of a theft did not absolve the perpetrator of the crime. The BJP's voter fraud in Thrissur is a microcosm of what the BJP-engineered in other States. The modus operandi, including identity theft, reflects a pattern. The Election Commission should retrieve its lost credibility by conducting a thorough probe," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gopi, who arrived after a long hiatus in Thrissur on Wednesday, appeared to maintain a sphinx-like silence. Throughout the day, Mr. Gopi declined to address questions on alleged electoral irregularities. When mobbed by reporters, Mr. Gopi quipped: "Thank you for the favours done."

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said Mr. Gopi's reticence was a deliberate attempt to cock a snook at the Thrissur electorate.

"Mr. Gopi has the right of reply, given the gravity of the accusations of voter fraud swirling around him and the BJP in Kerala. His speechlessness lends credibility to Congress's accusations of massive voter list fraud in Thrissur each passing hour," Mr. Satheesan said.

Will remove adverse remark if all trees are replanted: SC

CJI tells Telangana govt. to submit plan to restore the Kancha Gachibowli forest area, where trees were felled for an IT Park; he says State's proposal must balance development and sustainability

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Wednesday said the Telangana government has to first place on record a proposal to restore the "devastated" Kancha Gachibowli forest before the Supreme Court moves to expunge adverse remarks against the State and pay it some "real compliments".

The government had cleared over 100 acres in the Kancha Gachibowli forest area abutting the University of Hyderabad for an IT infrastructure project, setting off protests from several quarters.

Chief Justice Gavai said "we want the environment to be protected. You can have your IT Park somewhere else. We want all the trees in the devastated forest to be replanted... Then we will remove all our 'compliments' and pay you some real compliments... We too want a happy ending".

Alarm bells: Excavators being used to clear trees from the Kancha Gachibowli forest area in Hyderabad. FILE PHOTO

The Chief Justice made it clear that the State's restoration plan must balance development and sustainability.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for Telangana, said the State would meet the expectations of the court. The court listed the case in six weeks.

In May, the top court gave Telangana a choice between restoring the ruined acres of Kancha Gachibowli forest where trees were felled for an IT infrastructure project during an extended weekend or face the prospect of its Chief Secretary and "half a dozen officials" being sent to a "temporary prison" near the bulldozed green cover.

"It is for the State to make a choice between restoring the forest or having the Chief Secretary and officials in prison," Mr. Gavai had stated firmly.

On March 4, the Supreme Court barred any activity to deplete forest cover across the country.

Priyank flags more cases of 'vote theft'

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BENGALURU

Minister Priyank Kharge flagged more instances of alleged "vote fraud" in the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency, in Bengaluru, on Wednesday.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, had earlier alleged widespread voter manipulation during the 2024 parliamentary elections, citing data from Mahadevapura that falls in the Bengaluru Central Lokj Sabha constituency.

On Wednesday, Mr. Kharge highlighted instances where, allegedly, wedding cards, Aadhaar cards without proper addresses, Transfer Certificates, Comed-K hall tickets, which are not among the documents that can be submitted for a verifiable, valid address proof that the Election Commission mandates, were used to register voters in the constituency.

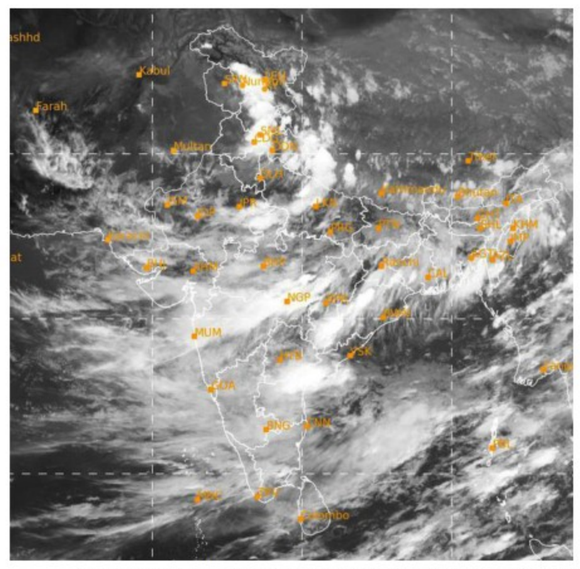
He expressed suspicion that fake Aadhaar cards were also being generated to register fake voters. He further illustrated two examples where one Gurukreet Singh Dang was given four EPIC cards in different booths and Sonal Awasthi was given five EPIC cards in the same booth.

Mr. Kharge further said that during the counting for Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha seat in 2024, the Congress candidate had a lead of nearly 75,000-80,000 till the Mahadevapura Assembly seat was counted, and in that one seat, the BJP candidate got a lead of 1.14 lakh votes, eventually defeating the Congress candidate, which was suspicious.

He further argued that, as per ECI norms, in any constituency, if there is an addition of over 4% to the electoral rolls, there has to be an on-ground verification. "But in the case of Mahadevapura between just 2023 and 2024, around 52,000 voters, which 8.6% were added to the list," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	64	29.7	25.4	Kozhikode	12	29.6	24.6
Ahmedabad	0.4	34.4	25.5	Kurnool	24	27.3	22.8
Aizawl	17.1	29.2	20.2	Lucknow	—	33.4	28.2
Allahabad	0.5	31.6	27.0	Madurai	—	34.5	25.6
Bengaluru	2.1	22.6	19.6	Mangaluru	28	26.9	22.9
Bhopal	—	28.0	24.4	Mumbai	0.1	29.7	25.8
Bhubaneswar	13.3	34.2	26.5	Mysuru	—	27.0	20.0
Chandigarh	0.5	34.6	26.4	New Delhi	0.2	35.0	26.8
Chennai	0.5	29.1	26.4	Patna	29.1	27.7	26.4
Coimbatore	—	29.3	22.4	Port Blair	14	30.5	23.1
Dehradun	6	31.0	24.3	Puducherry	—	31.3	24.5
Gangtok	11	21.0	18.3	Pune	—	31.7	23.6
Goa	7	26.6	24.2	Raipur	2.6	33.5	26.5
Guwahati	80	27.5	25.0	Ranchi	—	29.3	24.1
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	10.7	22.5	18.0
Hyderabad	5	26.4	22.0	Shimla	2	26.4	19.8
Imphal	8	28.7	24.1	Srinagar	—	34.4	24.7
Jaipur	—	34.8	27.6	Thiruvananthapuram	5	29.4	25.3
Kochi	31	27.0	23.4	Tiruchi	—	33.3	26.0
Kohima	7	23.0	19.2	Vijayawada	42	30.1	24.0
Kolkata	5	32.4	28.2	Visakhapatnam	—	34.4	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.18	.46	.40	40	56	
Bengaluru	5	.25	.30	50	60	
Chennai	.10	.16	.67	45	58	
Delhi	.33	.63	.27	124	156	
Hyderabad	.11	.19	.20	73	89	
Kolkata	8	.16	.24	78	119	
Lucknow	.—	.10	.40	109	64	
Mumbai	.19	.21	108	16	27	
Pune	.—	.31	.29	34	61	
Visakhapatnam	.11	.36	.20	69	107	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 188 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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THE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, CHENNAI
(Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)

अगस्त/August 14, 2025

विज्ञापन संख्या / Advt No.09-R/IMSc/2025

गविसं नियमित संकाय पदों (7 वें सीपीसी के तहत वेतन मैट्रिक्स में स्तर–12, 13, और 13 ए) को भरने के लिए **सीधी भर्ती** के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए, कृपया हमारी वेबसाइट https://www.imsc.res.in/facultyrecruitment पर जाएँ।

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Sd/-
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NO:EO/SPO/e-Proc/6/2025-26 Date:11-08-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1, from the reputed firms for the **Procurement of Equipment's.**
Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** Last date and time for uploading the tender **on 25-08-2025 up to 4.00 p.m.** The Technical bid will be opened on **28-08-2025 at 10.30 a.m.** The Financial bid will be opened on 3**0-08-2025 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website: www.uasbangalore.edu.in. Help Desk-**91-8046010000, +91-8068948777, support@eprochelpdesk.com.** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/2303/2025-26 ESTATE OFFICER

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Director, Department of Women and Child Development
3rd Floor, PWD Building Annex, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560009.
E-mail: adww.dwcd@gmail.com, Website:www.dwcd.karnataka.gov.in

No: DWCD/WW/MS/05/2025-26 Date: 06.08.2025

NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited from eligible candidates for appointment to the **'State Hub for Empowerment of Women' (SHEW)** on contract basis (temporarily for a period of 11 months) under Mission Shakti Scheme.

Sl.No	Name of the Post	No of Post
1	State Mission Coordinator	01
2	Gender Specialist	01
3	Accounts Assistant	01
4	Office Assistant (with computer knowledge)	01

The application format and other relevant information related to recruitment can be obtained from Department's E-mail ID: **adww.dwcd@gmail.com.** For more details, Contact Shri Krishnamurthy ph : 9449346765. Interested candidates may submit their applications in prescribed proforma along with required documents in a sealed cover/envelope to 'The Director, Department of Women and Child Development, 3rd Floor, PWD Building Annex, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560009' in person or by post. Separate application to be submitted for each post. The applications should reach this Office within 10 days from the publication of this Notification.

Sd/-
Director,
DIPR/CP/2296/Zen/2025-26 Department of Women and Child Development

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C.T.S.No.4125/1B, Ganeshpur Road, Laxmi Tek, Belagavi-590 009 (Karnataka)
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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Tender no. SNSI/2025-26/IND0003 dated 13.08.2025 for Supply, installation, commissioning of Various equipments at S. Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi is floated

1. The Contractors are invited for Supply , installation, commissioning of Various equipments viz., Atomic Absorption Spectophotometer, Flame Photometer, Conductivity meter & pH Meter at S.Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi.
2. The details for Production of Bio-pesticides & Bio-fertilizers production unit at S.Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi and requirements can be viewed in SNSI/2025-26/IND0003 from e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
3. The last date for receipt of the tender documents in the e-procurement portal is on **01.09.2025 upto 17.30 hrs.**

Sd/-
Date:13.08.2025 Director

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
6th Floor, 2nd Stage, M.S. Building
Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

No.: ED 232 UNE 2024 Date: 13-08-2025

INVITATION FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR KARNATAKA STATE DR. GANGUBAI HANGAL MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS UNIVERSITY, MYSURU.

The Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka invites the Application **for the Post of Vice-Chancellor,** Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru as per Section 12(2) of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Act, 2009.

The Application should be submitted within **Thirty Days (30)** from the date of this Notification. The detailed application form and the further details are available on Higher Education Department website **https://hed.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government
DIPR/CP/2313/SA//2025-26 Department of Higher Education (Universities)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Vijayanagara Division, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavana,
3rd Main Road, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040

No.: EE(VJN)/AE/KPPP-05/2025-26 Date: 13.08.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Vijayanagar), BBMP, Bengaluru invites competitive bids from reputed firm / Agencies for "**Rate Contract for Removal of Unauthorized structures and deviated portion of building in Vijayanagar division"** on Rate Contract Basis.

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of tender document in e-procurement portal from: **10.09.2025, (2)** Last date for submission of tenders: **25.09.2025** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Financial bid: **26.09.2025** at **4:30 p.m.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan, 3rd Main Road, Vijayanagara Bengaluru - 560040 on all working days between 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All notifications, changes and amendments to the bid documents will be uploaded only on the e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, BBMP

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CGM(Tech)/DGM(PROC &APCC)/EE(PROC)-3/AEE5/2025-26/1798-817 Date: 13.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following Enquiry Numbers:

Enquiry Number and Description

1) KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2405/CALL-2

Strengthening of existing 66kV Transmission line from existing 220/66kV **Anchepalya sub-station to Yadiyuru sub-station** with HTLS conductor on existing 66kV Anchepalya - Yadiyuru SC line on DC Tower with one of the circuit to be LILO of Thippur sub-station for a distance of **28.564kms**, along with construction of one number of 66KV TB at 220/66KV Anchepalya and 66/11KV Yadiyuru in Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru District on Total Turnkey basis including Supply of all Materials/ equipments, Mandatory Spares, Erection (Including Civil Works) of all materials/ equipments, Testing and Commissioning and buy back of released materials from existing line.

Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **15.09.2025 at 15:00hrs**

2) KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2286/CALL-2

a) Strengthening of existing 66kV D'Cross-Gowribidanur-1 SC line with Patridge conductor on existing lattice narrow based fabricated ungalvanised towers by SC line with Drake conductor on 110kV DC narrow based towers in the existing corridor from 220/66/11kV **Gowribidanur sub-station** to 66/11kV D Cross sub-station for a distance of **36.258kms** in Gowribidnur Taluk and Doddaballapur Taluk.

b) Strengthening of existing 66kV LILO line of 66/11kV **Gundammagere Sub-station** by replacing existing COYOTE conductor by HPC conductor from Gundammagere LILO point to 66/11kV Gundammagere Sub-station for a distance of **9.355kms** along with replacement of 66kV line CTs at 66/11kV Gundamgere Sub-station in Doddaballapur Taluk.

c) Making LILO arrangement to the existing 66/11kV Manchenahalli sub-station by stringing second circuit line with HPC conductor & replacing existing SC line with COYOTE conductor by HPC conductor from Manchenahalli tapping point to 66/11kV **Manchenahalli sub-station** on the existing 66kV Manchenahalli tap line for a distance of **9.757kms** along with construction of 66kV TB and replacement of existing 66kV line CTs at 66/11kV Manchenahalli sub-station in Manchenahalli Taluk, on Total Turnkey basis including Supply of all Materials/ equipments, Mandatory Spares, Erection (Including Civil Works) of all materials/equipments, Testing and Commissioning and buy back of released materials from existing line.

Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **15.09.2025 at 15:00hrs**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **14.08.2025. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- **Chief General Manager(Tech)., KPTCL, Corporate Office, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru - 560 009. Ph: 080-22243926.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ–14/ಎಇ–1/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 13.08.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ದಾವಿದಾ/ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–14/ಎಇ–1/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.08.2025.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysore undertakes to participate in the Service tender for 1). Providing services for operation and maintenance Government Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery, Kastura ba at Bengaluru 2). Service tender for the Renting of Cafeteria and Kitchen at First floor auditorium in Venkatappa Art Gallary, Kasthurba Road, Bangalore. Indent No:DAMH/2025-26/SE0025 (Call-3) & DAMH/2025-26/SE0022 (Call-3) Tender documents can be obtained from **(e-procurement portal http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from **12.08.2025.**

Sl.No.01 Last date for clarification regarding the work Date	02.09.2025, 17.00 hrs
Sl.No.01 Last Date for Submission of Application Date	12.09.2025, 16.00 hrs
Sl.No.01 Date for Technical bid Opening Date	15.09.2025, 16.30 hrs
Sl.No.01 Date for Financial bid opening Date	16.09.2025, 11.00 hrs
Sl.No.01 Date for Pre-bid Meeting	01.09.2025, 11.00 hrs
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Sl.No.02 Last Date for Submission of Application Date	28.08.2025, 16.00 hrs
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Aid and advice

LG's nominations without government nod could affect J&K's electoral process

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs' assertion to the J&K High Court that the Lieutenant Governor (LG) can nominate five Assembly members without the "aid and advice" of the elected government overrides democratic accountability. Consequential decisions such as nominating members who have voting rights in an elected assembly must flow from democratic mandate, not administrative discretion. The High Court's constitutional question could not be more direct: do the 2023 amendments to the J&K Reorganisation Act, allowing the LG to nominate five Assembly members "which have the potential of converting the minority government into a majority government and vice-versa," violate the Constitution's basic structure? Rather than addressing this, the Ministry delves into legal technicalities. Its submission argues that nominations fall outside the elected government's remit, seemingly invoking the *K. Lakshminarayanan vs The Union of India* precedent from Puducherry while claiming the "sanctioned strength" includes elected and nominated members. It even references Section 12 of the 1963 Union Territories Act (voting procedures) as justification for bypassing democratic consultation. When five nominated members could determine government stability in a 119-member Assembly, the issue transcends statutory definitions of "sanctioned strength". The real question is whether any legal framework allowing appointed officials to potentially overturn the people's electoral verdict violates the democratic essence of the Constitution.

The amendments inserted Sections 15A and 15B into the 2019 Act, allowing the LG to nominate two Kashmiri migrants (including one woman) and one from the Pakistan-occupied J&K community, besides the existing power to nominate two women, if inadequately represented in the elected Assembly. This effectively creates five nominated seats. The High Court's framing of this issue acknowledges the stakes involved: this could "convert minority government into majority government and vice-versa", potentially subverting the electoral process. This concern is not unsubstantiated – in 2021, three years after *Lakshminarayanan*, Puducherry saw nominated members and defecting elected MLAs contributing to the collapse of the Congress-led government. Also, J&K's trajectory to Union Territory, without consultation with elected representatives, makes democratic accountability even more crucial. The unfulfilled promise of Statehood restoration, acknowledged by the Supreme Court and despite overwhelming support in J&K, reinforces that current arrangements should strengthen democratic governance. The Ministry's argument that nominations exist "outside the realm of the business of the elected government" also contradicts evolving Supreme Court jurisprudence. In the Delhi services cases of 2018 and 2023, it ruled that the LG should act on elected governments' aid and advice, with discretionary powers treated as exceptions. Seen in this light, the Ministry's arguments do not hold water.

Limited gains

A temporary blip in inflation will help, but not by much

From having to deal with an inflation level higher than the RBI's comfort band of 2%-6% just two years ago, the government is now in the relatively more comfortable space of inflation coming in lower than that band. July's retail inflation of 1.55%, the lowest since June 2017, was made possible almost entirely by the contraction in food prices. This is particularly significant because the statistical base effect was low in July. That is, food inflation in July 2024 was itself at a 13-month low. A contraction in prices this July over that figure implies a real reduction in prices rather than a statistical anomaly. The consensus among economists is that this will continue due to improved sowing, a good monsoon, and a favourable base effect as inflation had surged again in the latter half of last year. The other positive was that core inflation, which removes the effect of fuel and food, fell to 4.1%, which is the RBI's target. On balance, the outlook for inflation looks good, especially due to the monsoon's progress. There is some risk, especially if India decides to switch away from Russian oil and opts for the somewhat more expensive Gulf oil. But this is unlikely given the government's assertions that it will prioritise India's interests. In any case, the Trump-Putin meet could potentially render the latest tariff obstacles inconsequential.

The RBI expects inflation to pick up only from January 2026. But there is no time for complacency. While India is far from being in a persistent low-inflation, low-growth stagnation, it is staring at a growth slowdown. The latest growth in the Index of Industrial Production was at a 10-month low, with capital and consumer goods activity anaemic. Growth in GST revenue slowed to single-digits in June and July. The contraction in gross direct tax collections this financial year is also concerning. Car sales to dealers dropped to an 18-month low in June. UPI transactions, touted in the past as a sign of buoyant economic activity, fell as compared to the previous month thrice so far in 2025. The RBI has retained its forecast of 6.5% growth this financial year, which looks optimistic. Even if the U.S.'s additional 25% tariffs are removed, the initial 25% will themselves likely reduce India's growth by 0.2 percentage points. India's growth is not robust enough for it to be blasé about such a loss. Structural problems remain, demand is still weak, and a temporary dip in inflation is in itself not going to help much.

The ceding of academic freedom in universities

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Everyone engaged in higher education recognises that academic freedom is primary because universities are the places for raising doubts and asking questions about everything. Exploring ideas, debating issues and thinking independently are essential in the quest for excellence.

After all, knowledge develops only if we question existing knowledge. This means that students must have the freedom to ask questions just as faculty must have the freedom to question received wisdom in their respective disciplines. Indeed, universities, as institutions, must have the freedom to raise questions, express opinions or articulate criticisms in the wider context of economic, social and political spheres.

In fact, the development of knowledge is central to university education. Students enter the world of higher education to learn. Understanding existing knowledge is a first step. The ability to ask relevant questions, a capacity to critique conventional wisdoms, and the confidence to resist the authority of the spoken – even printed – word are the next successive steps. Of course, learning is a continuous process that never stops. Thus, it is for universities to decide what is taught to students, which must not be controlled from elsewhere.

There should be no restrictions on who is invited to address a student audience. Circumscribing this space, in any way, can only stifle learning, which, in turn, can hurt economic and social progress.

The world of research needs similar freedoms. It is for universities to decide their research priorities. It is for faculty members to decide their research agenda. Of course, financial support for research must be based on peer review without preference or prejudice. Dissenting opinions or unorthodox thinking, irrespective of disciplines, should be encouraged for that is how knowledge develops. In fact, fundamental research needs far more in terms of not only freedoms but also resources and time. Such an environment is essential for brilliant scholars or thinkers to surface, blossom and flourish.

The disturbing reality in India

The unfolding reality in India is disturbing. Curricula are regulated and straitjacketed. Readings are prescribed. Indeed, what is excluded or what is included in prescribed reading lists is decided elsewhere, not necessarily by the teachers. Some readings are explicitly excluded. Promising research, which departs from the mainstream, particularly in social sciences or humanities, is stifled. Research funding is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the central government through its research councils and departments. In this milieu, fundamental research in universities in India is rare if not impossible. It is no accident that our universities have not produced any Nobel laureates.

Even the freedom for students and teachers to organise discussions or debates on campus, which are perceived as critical of the Bharatiya Janata Party or its governments at the Centre and in States where it rules, is circumscribed everywhere, often by administrative fiat or penal action. Freedoms are curbed further, as social media posts sometimes lead to disciplinary action by universities or legal action by governments.

At many central Universities, if a faculty member applies for duty leave to participate in a conference abroad, he/she has to provide a written undertaking which says: "I will not participate in any anti-Government activities...while I am abroad whether on official duty or a personal visit, I shall be subject to all the provisions of Government Servants Conduct Rules including those relating to connection with the press and criticism of Government...Further I understand that... any breach of these provisions whether committed in India or abroad shall render me equally liable to disciplinary action."

Such intrusion, in different forms, is now being extended to private universities. Dissenting or critical voices of students or faculty members are silenced with disciplinary action. In some cases, it goes much further, essentially because risk averse promoters fall in line, since they do not wish to displease or antagonise the central government, or the State governments where their universities are located.

Autonomy and accountability

Just as important, the autonomy of university spaces is also sacrosanct in the wider context of political democracy, where universities perform an important role in addition to imparting higher education. In the economy, they are a source of ideas for science, technology, research and development, innovation, and economic or social policies. In society, they are the conscience-keepers as public intellectuals, from among the faculty, who engage with the public domain, informing citizens in their columns or lectures. In the polity, their evaluation or assessment of the performance of governments fosters accountability.

Of course, this autonomy must have a corresponding accountability. But it is essential for governments to recognise that the provision of resources to universities does not endow them with a right to exercise control.

The resources are public money for public universities, which are accountable to students and society through institutional mechanisms that exist or can be created. For this purpose, it is imperative that structures of governance in universities are appropriate for, and conducive to, accountability. Good governance is necessary but not sufficient. There must also be checks and balances in the public domain.

Rankings of universities perform an important role in this context. Such rankings, despite their limitations, provide students, their parents and society at large, such an institutional mechanism for accountability.

It is absolutely essential that regulatory structures provide complete autonomy – administrative, financial and academic – to universities. Liberation from the shackles of the University Grants Commission is a necessary condition.

The existing parliamentary or legislative acts that created our universities also have many constraints and fetters. Thus, as an approach, it would be far better to reform regulatory structures, provide autonomy to universities and ensure accountability through systems – rather than interventions or controls – to create an environment that encourages freedom of thought and is conducive to learning.

The quest for uniformity is the worst enemy of thinking, creativity, understanding and knowledge, which can thrive only in open societies. One-size-fits-all is a flawed presumption. Indeed, diversity and differentiation are an integral part of the quest for excellence in higher education.

Governments and their quest to control

Academic freedom in universities is circumscribed not only in India but also in countries such as Argentina, Hungary and Türkiye which have democratically elected governments.

Of course, academic freedom is highly restricted in countries that are ruled by dictators in Africa and Asia. It is also curbed in countries that have one-party rule, for example, China, Russia and Vietnam. China is somewhat different. Even if the freedom for academics – especially in the social sciences and humanities – to write or to speak in the public domain is highly restricted, there is no compromise, driven by preference or prejudice, in the quality of academic appointments at leading universities and research institutions.

The real surprise is the United States, where academic freedom in universities has been sacrosanct for more than a century. The federal government of U.S. President Donald Trump is slashing research grants and imposing curbs on its leading public universities. If this continues, the leading edge of American universities in education, research, science, technology and innovation is bound to erode.

Governments seek to control universities essentially because they are worried about criticism or dissent. Just as important, there is a sense of discomfiture, if not insecurity, since universities, empowered by academic freedom, ask questions that are perceived as difficult. Of course, in some countries, governments just want ideological conformity. Most universities cede their autonomous space because they are largely dependent on government grants to support their teaching and research. The reasons why academics, as individuals, are often silenced are because of fear or compromise, while a few are willing to trade their beliefs for rewards.

The moral of the story is simple. The absence of academic freedom in universities will inevitably harm the teaching-learning process just as it will stifle thinking and creativity in research. Students and teachers will obviously be the worse-off. Ultimately, however, the economy, society and polity will be the losers.

It is harming the teaching-learning process while stifling thinking and creativity in research; in the long run, the economy, society and polity will be the losers

A war game-changer in a battle for influence in Asia

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The world first noticed a massive shift in how wars are fought during the second Nagorno-Karabakh conflict (2020): the increasingly integral role that drones play. For India and Pakistan, Operation Sindoor (May 7-10) cemented this shift, as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) moved from serving purely reconnaissance needs to becoming instrumental for precision strikes.

An exercise of modernisation

In the aftermath of the clashes, India is trying to upgrade and modernise its military. In 2024, India finalised an order for 31 MQ-9B Reapers from the United States, including SkyGuardian and SeaGuardian models. These aircraft will supplement India's need for maritime domain awareness and reinforce the strategic partnership between the countries. Still, this partially addresses just one of the needs of a country with its varied terrains and multiple contested borders. Given its vast border territories with Pakistan and China in high-altitude regions, India requires systems that are capable of high-altitude surveillance – larger fixed-wing long-range systems that can deliver significant payloads during precision strikes, and smaller, cost-effective systems for precision strikes.

Currently, the unmanned platforms that India has in operation address only some of these requirements. Israeli systems such as the relatively older Harop loitering munition and the medium-altitude long-range Heron are useful for aerial strikes and surveillance, respectively. But they are not the most advanced systems on the market. Apart from these, India largely operated legacy systems that were imported prior to the last decade and some indigenous models.

Despite the long defence relationship between the two countries, as India seeks to procure state-of-the-art drones, it no longer makes sense for it to look largely to the U.S. for outright purchases. There is likely to be a shift where the U.S. becomes more important for components such as power plants and electronic payloads. Conversations about leading unmanned aerial systems invariably come back to the U.S., China, Türkiye, and Israel. However, recent reports question whether American drones are good enough even to meet their domestic demands, let alone dominate the export market.

A New York Times article, written by an observer of exercises with U.S. drone companies, revealed the growing gap between American systems and those made by Russia and China. Congruent with these concerns, the 'US Drone Dominance' executive order was rolled out with massive plans for American drone production. A CNAS report finds that the U.S.'s adherence to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) has resulted in it falling far behind China and Türkiye in the UAV export market, making up only 8% of the market as of the end of 2023. Although recent and upcoming reforms to the MTCR will allow the U.S. to tap into the export market more, it already lags behind.

Today, India finds itself trying to fill these gaps in its arsenal through imports, joint ventures and domestic production, largely relying on Israel and European countries. Given the state of its ties with both China and Türkiye at the moment, India is unlikely to rely on either country for critical defence technologies. As it attempts to further its own interests, India should also leverage its technological advancements to become a supplier of fixed-wing UAVs for the broader Indo-Pacific region.

The China factor

A number of countries, including Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan have relations with China that can only be described as strained at best. Maritime Domain Awareness is essential for these countries to monitor and counter China's use of 'gray-zone' warfare, using agents such as their coast guard and maritime militia, to enforce disputed territorial claims. This also enables them to protect their sovereignty and safeguard vital economic interests, such as fisheries and energy exploration, from constant encroachment.

Israel finds itself otherwise preoccupied with its long and drawn-out conflict in West Asia, and is unlikely to be a reliable supplier to the region. With the U.S. struggling to remain in the race, Türkiye is the primary option for procuring high-performance and cost-effective systems. Given that India and Türkiye find themselves in a fairly adversarial relationship, it is in India's interest to prevent Türkiye from expanding its sphere of influence through drone diplomacy.

Many countries in the Indo-Pacific also share similar geographies with India, and, consequently, a pressing need for systems tailored to maritime domain awareness and high-altitude border patrol. If India were to develop systems to suit its own needs, they would also suit the strategic requirements of its not-so-distant neighbours.

A contested space

The U.S.-shaped vacuum in the drone market within the Indo-Pacific, is becoming a highly contested space that India would benefit from filling. Not only would it boost trade and influence with a host of countries but it would also fulfil the country's own strategic needs. Despite being held back by bureaucratic red tape and a public sector dominated defence sector, it would benefit India to capitalise on its existing ties with Israel and utilise its learnings from joint production ventures to better its domestic UAV ecosystem. Beyond just producing everything domestically, technology-sharing regimes with like-minded countries in the Indo-Pacific would further mutual interests and foster trust-based relationships in a region that is becoming increasingly polarised.

With unmanned aerial vehicles becoming crucial for precision strikes, India can benefit from filling the space in the Indo-Pacific drone market

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stray dog control

The stray dog population is evolving in the country. If this is not acted upon with concrete plans, the number of dogs may overwhelm the human population as there is no reliable head count as yet of stray dogs. The argument that animal welfare activists put forth, that curtailing the stray dog population will lead to an increase in the rat population, is illogical. Cats are the major predators of rats. As birth control methods on dogs have not made much of an impact on the canine population, it is our bounden duty to protect human lives.

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I would like to pose this question to animal activists and those who have stray dog welfare as their primary concern. Have they seen a person who has contracted rabies pass away? It is one of the most heart-rending moments in life. To watch a person be in great pain, be in an agitated state, have great difficulty in swallowing, have excessive salivation and a fear of fluids, hallucinate, have partial paralysis and then fade away is distressing. My appeal to them is to be objective and think good.

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Africa is challenging China's mining hegemony

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Over the past two decades, China has entrenched itself as a dominant actor in Africa's mining sector. But signs are mounting that the tide is beginning to turn.

A new wave of resistance, driven by increased scrutiny from African governments as well as civil society activism, is starting to challenge China's long-standing dominance in Africa's mining industry. Chinese firms have often failed to deliver promised skills transfer or infrastructure. Consequently, African nations are growingly asserting their rights to value-added development. The old model of raw resource extraction in exchange for infrastructure or investments is no longer tenable in a region demanding agency, accountability, and economic sovereignty.

No longer passive partners

Africa is home to some of the world's richest reserves of critical minerals. The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) alone produces 80% of the world's cobalt, a mineral indispensable for rechargeable batteries. China controls around 80% of that output through long-standing agreements such as the Sino Congolaise des Mines (Sicomines) deal, which granted Chinese firms mining rights in exchange for infrastructure projects. However, the benefits to local Congolese have been disproportionate to the mineral wealth extracted.

According to the civil society coalition Congo Is Not for Sale (CNPAV), tax exemptions granted to Chinese companies cost the DRC approximately $132 million in 2024 alone. These losses have spurred public outrage, and citizens have called for a full review of the Sicomines deal. Further, since the payments are tied to market prices, there is a real risk that the country could receive little or no infrastructure investment during downturns.

Faced with mounting criticism, the Congolese government was forced to renegotiate the existing contracts with China, especially in light of fluctuating copper prices. The DRC reportedly plans to increase its stake in a joint venture with Chinese firms Sinohydro and China Railway Group, raising its ownership from 32% to 70%. Last year, after Congo's state-owned miner, Gecamines, voiced its opposition, the sale of Trafigura-backed miner Chemaf Resources to China's Norin Mining was cancelled. In Namibia, China's Xinfeng Investments has been accused of acquiring its lithium mine through a bribe of N$ 50 million. Over the years, Xinfeng has exported thousands of tonnes of raw lithium ore to China but has not constructed the promised processing facilities. Workers at the company have also reported hazardous working conditions and substandard housing. In 2023, China's Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt invested $300 million to construct a lithium processing plant in Zimbabwe. Most benefits will likely flow back to China unless robust regulatory frameworks and local capacity-building initiatives are implemented.

China's dominance has also triggered environmental and social concerns. In Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe, Chinese firm Sunny Yi Feng's application for coal mining permits has been blocked by environmental authorities. In Zambia, a catastrophic acid spill from a Chinese-owned copper mine contaminated a significant tributary of the Kafue River, one of the country's most critical water sources. In Cameroon, resistance is growing against the massive Lobé-Kribi Iron Ore Project led by Sinosteel Cam S.A., a subsidiary of China's Sinosteel Corporation. Local NGOs have warned that the project threatens ecosystems, public health, and cultural heritage. Many community members see the project as a fait accompli, pushed through without adequate consultation or benefit-sharing.

Across Africa, Beijing's mining dominance is now being scrutinised more closely, with a growing demand for fairer, more transparent partnerships

Across Africa, Beijing's once-unquestioned mining dominance is now being scrutinised more closely, with a growing demand for fairer, more transparent partnerships. This signals a newfound assertiveness by African governments, who are no longer content to act as passive partners in resource exploitation.

Policy changes

Meanwhile, strategic policy changes are also occurring. In 2022, Zimbabwe banned the export of unprocessed lithium to force investors to build local processing plants. In 2023, Namibia implemented a similar export ban on unprocessed lithium and other critical minerals. These countries aim to retain more value from their mineral wealth by requiring local beneficiation. Similar stories are unfolding across the continent.

Still, policy alone is not enough. These export bans must match broader economic strategies to ensure local participation in processing and transformation. Otherwise, they risk simply shifting exploitation from one form to another. African leaders must ensure that domestic processing leads to fundamental economic transformation, not just a new phase of elite capture.

China may still be Africa's largest mining partner, but the future of its dominance is no longer guaranteed. Moreover, a clear shift is underway, where African nations are reasserting sovereignty over their natural resources. By challenging opaque contracts, enforcing environmental standards, and demanding value addition, they are redrawing the terms of engagement. If these trends continue, African countries are poised to reshape the global supply chain for minerals and their role within it, moving from exporters of raw materials to integral partners in the emerging green economy. This change would come at the expense of China's long-standing dominance in the African mining sector.

Ration at your doorstep

Schemes such as Thayumanavar Thittam are crucial in providing food security

STATE OF PLAY

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On August 12, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched Thayumanavar Thittam, a scheme to provide ration products at the doorsteps of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. This scheme, which when translated means 'one who shows motherly affection', is not new for Tamil Nadu, conceptually or in practice. But what makes it different from similar schemes implemented in the past is its reach. Thayumanavar Thittam, at a cost of cost of ₹30.16 crore, is set to benefit about 20.4 lakh senior citizens and 1.3 lakh persons with disabilities across the State. In early July, the authorities conducted a trial run of the scheme in 10 districts, including Chennai.

Tamil Nadu is perhaps the only State to follow a universal public distribution system (PDS) instead of a targeted PDS. Unlike in many other States, where licences are issued to private dealers to run fair price shops, cooperative societies in Tamil Nadu manage the affairs of nearly 95% of the shops (as against the national average of over 20%). Of about 37,330 shops in the southern State, more than 35,000 shops are handled by cooperative societies.

Tamil Nadu has also established 2,495 mobile fair price shops to ensure access to essential commodities for people in remote, hilly, and geographically challenging areas. Five years ago, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the then AIADMK regime also opened seven such shops and named them after former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa.

Other States have been implementing schemes similar to Thayumanavar Thittam for some time. Under the Oppom scheme in Kerala, auto rickshaw drivers deliver essential commodities at the doorsteps of people who cannot visit PDS shops to collect their supplies due to old age, illnesses, or other issues. In Karnataka, the Anna Suvidha scheme benefits those aged over 75. Punjab is also implementing its own variant of the concept.

In Delhi and Andhra Pradesh, the execution of similar schemes ran into problems. The scheme in Delhi never took off when the Aam Aadmi Party was in power. In Andhra Pradesh, regime change proved to be the obstacle: the Telugu Desam Party-led government reversed the previous YSR Congress Party government's practice of supplying essential commodities through mobile dispensing units for all beneficiaries. In the revised scheme, door delivery of commodities has been restricted to about 16 lakh PDS beneficiaries who are aged above 65 years or are physically challenged.

Nevertheless, the idea has clearly been gaining currency. This is why it is strange that the Union government told the Lok Sabha early this month that "there is no provision under the [National Food Security] Act for delivery of foodgrains at the doorstep of beneficiaries." What should have been stated is that Section 32 (1) of the Act says that the law does "not preclude the Central government or the State government from continuing or formulating other food-based welfare schemes."

The DMK regime's initiative was appreciated by Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK) general secretary Premalatha Vijayakant, who is not an ally of the ruling party. Describing the launch of the scheme as a "victory" for DMDK founder Vijayakant and the party, she recalled how Vijayakant had promised electors during the 2006 Assembly polls that his party would deliver commodities to beneficiaries if brought to power. His idea had been ridiculed then, she said. The DMDK general secretary was, however, guarded about her party's position on forming an alliance with the DMK for the 2026 Assembly elections and clarified that the decision would be taken at the party's meet in Cuddalore in January.

Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) general secretary T.T.V. Dhinakaran criticised the scheme, contending that it had been implemented keeping the Assembly elections in mind. He also reminded the government that it had not implemented the DMK's electoral promise of increasing the quantity of sugar and including urad dal once again under the PDS.

Notwithstanding the criticism, Mr. Stalin seems to be conscious of the fact that it is officials in charge who determine the success of any scheme. This was evident when he pointedly sought their cooperation. Without the right approach from them, schemes such as this may fail to ensure food security to lakhs of beneficiaries.

Record violence marks Israel's push towards West Bank annexation

Displacement of Palestinians in West Bank has hit levels not seen since the start of Israel's occupation, says the UN

DATA POINT

Sambavi Parthasarathy

A day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel intends to take full control of the Gaza Strip, the country's security cabinet, on August 8, approved a plan to seize control of Gaza City. Israel then stepped up its bombardment.

While Israel continues to pound one of Palestine's non-contiguous regions – Gaza – and push its society to the brink, it is slowly asserting "sovereignty" over the other – West Bank. Last month, the Israeli Parliament voted in favour of a historic declaration that officially supported the application of Israeli sovereignty to West Bank, which the Israelis refer to as Judea and Samaria. While the motion carried no immediate legal bearing, it is seen as a political step towards annexation.

In July 2024, Israel had declared that it was opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state west of the Jordan river. This time, as the Knesset voted in favour of the non-binding motion, its speaker declared, "In 1967, the occupation did not start, it ended. That is the historical truth, and the one and only way to reach genuine peace is from [a position of] power."

While West Bank has been under Israeli occupation since 1967, data shows that Israel's position of power over the West Bank has intensified since October 7, 2023, with a record number of displacements, settler attacks, and a stifled economy. Settler attacks in this analysis only involves incidents of violence, intimidation or trespass by Israeli settlers against Palestinians in West Bank.

More than 600 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces or settler attacks in West Bank since 2024. This is 28% of all Palestinians killed in the region in nearly two decades **(Chart 1).**

The number of attacks by Israeli settlers, which either resulted in casualties or damages to property, surged post-2023 **(Chart 2)**.

West Bank has witnessed 3,500 such attacks since 2023. This accounted for 40% of all attacks by Israeli settlers on Palestinians in the last two decades. In 2024, this figure climbed to an all-time high in nearly two decades. Survey data from the Israel Democracy Institute shows over 40% Israelis think that settlers who engaged in violence are treated very leniently by the Israeli forces **(Chart 3)**.

The region also saw a high number of displacements of Palestinians in the 2023-2025 period due to Israeli military operations, or settler violence, or access restrictions, or demolitions. The United Nations on July 15 this year said that displacement in West Bank had hit levels not seen since the start of Israel's occupation nearly 60 years ago.

More than 4,000 people were displaced from West Bank in 2024 – the highest number recorded since 2009. Additionally, 29,338 Palestinians have been displaced due to operations by Israeli forces in the Jenin and Tulkaram camps in the northern region of West Bank in 2025 **(Chart 4)**.

Data also shows that more than 3,000 Palestinian homes and other structures have been either demolished, seized, or sealed since 2023 in West Bank **(Chart 5).**

More than a hundred outposts were newly built since 2023 in West Bank. Outposts refer to Israeli settlements, considered illegal even under Israeli law. In 2024 alone, 61 such outposts were built – the highest in a year since 1990 **(Chart 6)**.

With the number of illegal settlers increasing to more than 5 lakh in 2023, from less than 5,000 in 1977, the situation in West Bank already echoes the Knesset speaker's statement from last month. He said, "We are here to stay, and the Knesset has said this by a large majority."

Chart 1: Number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces or settlers in the West Bank

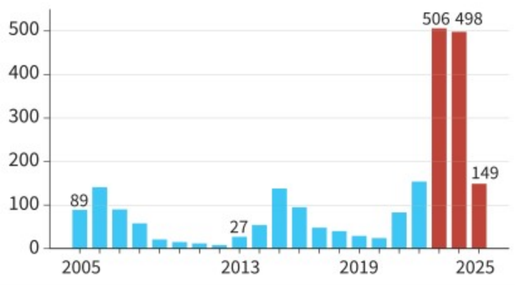


Chart 2: Attacks by Israeli settlers against Palestinians that resulted in casualities and/or property damage

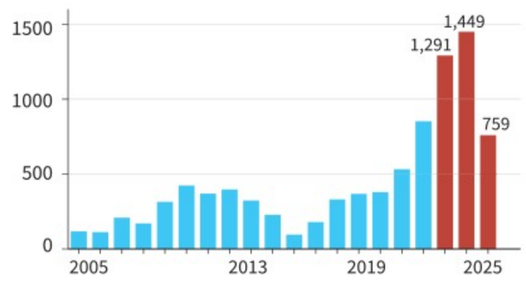


Chart 3: Over 40% Israelis think that settlers who engaged in violence were treated very leniently by the Israeli forces

Response	Israeli citizens (%)
Too harshly	23.4
Too leniently	42.1
Appropriately	23.4

Respondents were answering the question "How are the security forces and enforcement agencies treating settlers involved in violent acts against Palestinians in the West Bank /Judea and Samaria?"

Chart 4: Palestinians displaced in West Bank due to Israeli military operations or settler violence

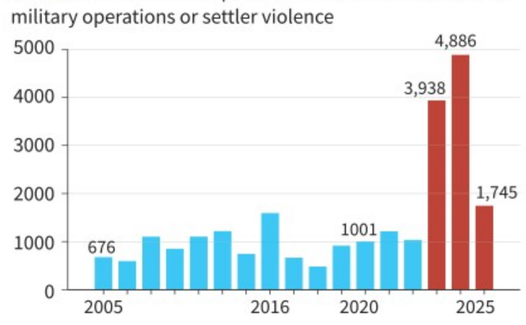


Chart 5: Palestinian homes/structures demolished, seized, or sealed in West Bank

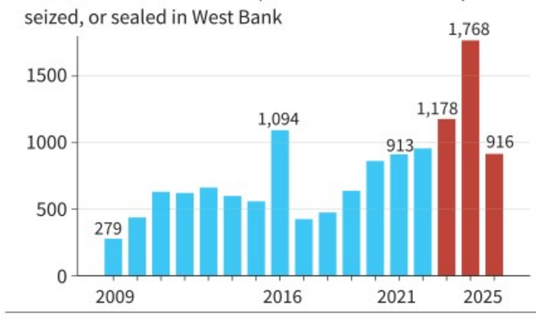
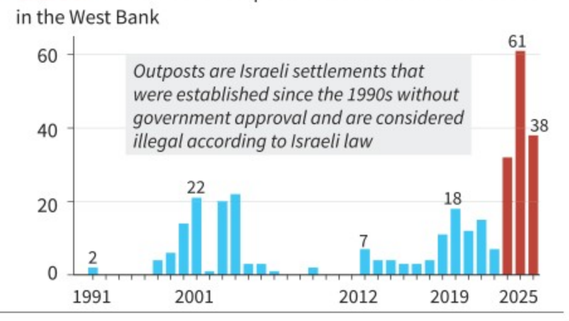


Chart 6: The number of outposts established since the 1990s in the West Bank



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 14, 1975

Soviet offer to increase newsprint supply

New Delhi, Aug. 13: The Soviet Union, which is to supply 45,000 tonnes of newsprint to India in 1975-76, is prepared to increase the quantum of its supplies by 10 per cent annually in the "visible future".

This was started here to-day by Mr. K.I. Galanshin, Soviet Minister for Paper and Pulp Industry, who also gave an assurance that his country would fulfil its commitments in the supply of newsprint in future as it had done in the past.

Under an agreement signed last month, the Soviet Union is to supply 45,000 tonnes of newsprint in 1975-76 at a price which is 20 per cent less than last year's price. Twenty three thousand tonnes of this would be shipped to India till the end of this year and the rest by July next, Mr. Galanshin told newsmen.

The Soviet Union, Mr. Galanshin said in a reply to a question, would "thoroughly consider" any Indian request for Soviet help in setting up newsprint mills in this country. But this would have to be gone into by experts.

Asked if India had sought any increase in the newsprint supplies, Mr. Galanshin said the matter would be taken up at the forthcoming discussions at Moscow on the joint trade agreement.

He said although his country produced seven million tonnes of pulp and 8.50 million tonnes of paper and cardboard this year, this was not sufficient for its domestic needs. However, it was exporting half a million tonnes of pulp, three lakh tonnes of paper and 4.50 lakh tonnes of cardboard mainly to COMECON countries.

Mr. Galanshin said his country was setting up three pulp mills which would have an annual capacity of three million tonnes of pulp, which is also used in synthetic fibre production.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 14, 1925

Russians enter Afghanistan

The steady infiltration of Russians into Northern Afghanistan is reported by travellers to be continuing. Prospectors for oil, says "The Pioneer", are busy in the herat area, and others are searching for minerals. The stream of Russian Immigrants includes genuine traders, others partly with commercial and partly political motives, and others who are believed to be Bolshevik agents pure and simple.

From Page One

Govt. tweaks export plan as U.S. ups the ante

Industry players have also confirmed that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has been in regular touch with them to receive their feedback and inputs. Trade analysts, too, confirmed this.

"Internally, authorities are consulting extensively with exporters and sector representatives to fine-tune immediate relief measures and shape a long-term, resilient trade strategy capable of withstanding global shocks," said Krishan Arora, Partner at Grant Thornton Bharat.

Focus on MSME exports

Separately, a Finance Ministry official also confirmed that the Ministry was coordinating with others to come up with a scheme that could address some of the issues being faced by these exporters.

The government had, as far back as January, announced a credit guarantee scheme for the MSME sector, which would cover loans up to ₹100 crore. The Finance Ministry official said that this scheme was being revamped to "focus on the export aspects of these MSMEs' activities".

Many forest rights titles 'vanish' in Chhattisgarh

In Bastar district, for instance, the total number of individual forest rights (IFR) titles as of January 2024 was 37,958, which fell to 35,180 by May 2025, according to the data. In Rajnandgaon district, similarly, the total number of community forest resource rights (CFRR) titles halved within a month last year, from 40 to 20. In Bijapur district, there were 299 CFRR titles distributed till March 2024; by the following month, this was reduced to 297.

These reductions can be seen in the State's district-wise monthly progress reports on the FRA, sought under the RTI Act. The Centre's publicly available FRA progress reports only record data at the State level. Some FRA researchers and experts have termed such a decrease as an "anomaly", as there is no process under the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 to withdraw titles which have been granted. The Act recognises and vests rights to use forests to Scheduled Tribe and other forest-dwelling communities.

As per the FRA, once titles are granted, they are neither transferable nor alienable but can only be inherited. Activist Alok Shukla of Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Andolan said despite this, the State government had "cancelled" some in 2016 and the Chhattisgarh High Court is yet to rule on whether this is permissible.

Responding to questions on the decrease in forest rights titles, a senior State government official claimed this was because of "miscommunication" between officials working at the gram sabha, subdivisional, and district levels that had resulted in the need for "correction" of the records. "It may be seen as a reporting error," the official said.

State officials said the FRA is not implemented in Raipur, Durg, and Bemetara districts. The Centre's data on the FRA shows that, as of May 2025, Chhattisgarh accounts for over 43% of the forest area over which FRA titles have been granted. In the three districts declared free of Naxalism by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs over the last year, FRA implementation has been slow, this data shows. In Bastar, there was a drop of over 2,700 in the number of IFR titles, though there were 12 more CFRR titles added between January 2024 and May 2025. In Dantewada, there was no increase in CFRR titles, while there was net growth of 55 IFR titles. In the Mohla-Manpur district, no new IFR titles were distributed, while two CFRR titles were added in the same time period.

In Bastar, IFR claims also dropped by almost 3,000 by May 2025, from the 51,303 claims filed as of January 2024.

Jaishankar to visit Moscow, Wang Yi to reach New Delhi

India to step up engagements with China and Russia; move comes amid uncertainty in trade ties with the U.S. after it imposed high tariffs; China likely to continue border talks during Wang's visit

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Against the backdrop of growing uncertainty in trade ties with the United States, India is on track to intensify engagements with Russia and China in the coming days.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is scheduled to visit Russia on August 21 to hold discussions with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov, while officials here are preparing to host Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi before that, sources have confirmed.

"The Ministers will discuss key issues on our bilateral agenda, as well as key aspects of cooperation within international framework," said the Russian Foreign Ministry, announcing Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Moscow.

Mr. Jaishankar's visit is part of the preparatory consultation for the next Russia-India annual summit for which President Vladimir Putin is expected to visit India later this year.

Key diplomats: S. Jaishankar with Sergey Lavrov at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Foreign Ministers meeting in China. AP

The meeting between Mr. Jaishankar and Mr. Lavrov comes days after National Security Adviser Ajit Doval visited Russia where he met his counterpart Sergey Shoigu and had a special audience with President Putin.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation on Friday that Mr. Modi described as "detailed".

India is yet to officially announce the visit of the Chinese Foreign Minister though sources indicated that it is being scheduled ahead of Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Moscow.

Sources said the visit is understandably aimed at continuing high-level discussions on the India-China border issue, and Mr. Wang will meet National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and others during his visit.

The India-China interaction will be keenly watched as it is being planned three months after Operation Sindoor when India fought a brief war with Pakistan.

Lt. General Rahul R. Singh, Deputy Chief of Army Staff, said in July that China provided "live inputs" to Pakistan during the conflict.

It is understood that Mr. Wang's interactions in Delhi will also be part of the preparatory meetings before Mr. Modi's expected visit to Tianjin, China, for the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. However, India will remain cautious while warming up ties with China because of its strong relationship with Pakistan, sources have hinted.

In the backdrop of U.S. President Donald Trump's imposition of high tariffs on India for purchase of Russian oil, India has held consultations with partners and stakeholders.

2 soldiers killed along the Line of Control in Baramulla, says Army

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Army did not give details about the operation near LoC but sources say it foiled infiltration bid

The Army on Wednesday said two soldiers were killed while "performing operational duty" along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Baramulla district in the past 24 hours.

A spokesperson of the Army's Chinar Corps identified the deceased as Havildar Ankit Kumar and Sepoy Banoth Anil Kumar.

"The Chinar Corps honours the supreme sacrifices of bravehearts who laid down their lives while undertaking operational duty along the LoC in Uri, Baramulla," the Army said, in two separate tweets on X. The Army said it saluted the immense valour and sacrifice and expressed "deepest condolence" with the bereaved families.

The Army did not provide details about the operation launched close to the LoC. However, official sources said the Army foiled a major infiltration bid along the LoC in Uri. The LoC in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) remained relatively calm since India and Pakistan reached an agreement on May 10 to end four days of intense cross-border attacks and missile strikes, in the wake of the Pahalgam attack on April 22 that left 26 civilians dead.

Operation called off

Meanwhile, the anti-terror operation, launched on August 1 in Kulgam, was called off on Wednesday. One terrorist and two soldiers were killed in the 13-day operation in Akhal. "The Akhal operation has now reached the final stage and further details will be shared soon," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, V.K. Birdi said.

Security remains on high alert in J&K on the occasion of upcoming Independence Day.

3-judge SC Bench to take up community dogs issue today

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Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday listed a case regarding community dogs before a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath on August 14.

The move happened against the backdrop of an August 11 order by a Division Bench headed by Justice J.B. Pardiwala directing Delhi-NCR authorities to round up or catch stray dogs from the capital's streets and detain them in shelters within six to eight weeks, never to be let out in public spaces again.

On Wednesday, a lawyer briefed Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai about a May 9, 2024, order to treat stray canines with compassion. The CJI had agreed to list the case after this oral mentioning.

Counsel had read out from the 2024 order by a Division Bench headed by Justice J.K. Maheshwari that "under all circumstances, there cannot be any indiscriminate killings of canines and the authorities have to take action in terms of the mandate and spirit of the prevalent legislation(s) in place".

The 2024 order was based on a batch of petitions led by Animal Welfare Board of India versus People for Elimination of Stray Troubles on the question whether Central legislations, including the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001, would prevail over the municipal laws.

"There is no gainsaying in the fact that exhibiting compassion to all living beings is the enshrined Constitutional value and mandate and casts obligation on the authorities," the Bench of Justices Maheshwari and Sanjay Karol had emphasised.

The August 11 order by a Bench of Justices Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan had triggered a furore among animal rights activists, personalities and organisations.

'Undocumented migrants leaving via eastern border tripled in 2025'

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NEW DELHI

The number of undocumented migrants – suspected to be from Bangladesh – apprehended by the Border Security Force (BSF) while attempting to voluntarily leave India through the eastern border this year was over three times higher than in 2024, government data show.

In 2024, as many as 1,049 undocumented people were apprehended while leaving the country while till July 15 this year, 3,536 undocumented people were caught by the BSF, a senior government official said. The number of people who were stopped when they tried to enter the country from Bangladesh last year stood at 2,425, while till July 15 this year, the number was 1,372.

The official said that post the political changes in neighbouring Bangladesh on August 5, 2024, there has been a surge in the number of undocumented migrants exiting the country voluntarily.

Close watch: BSF personnel patrol along the India-Bangladesh border in Agartala. PTI

The voluntary exits are different from the "pushback" drive against alleged illegal migrants being pursued by police across the country on the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.

After the regime change in Bangladesh last year, the MHA asked police to detect and deport Bangladeshis who had illegally entered the country and were living here on forged documents. The drive assumed momentum after the Pahalgam terror attack and the MHA asked States to deport the undocumented migrants but in most cases "pushback" is happening, the latter not defined under law. According to various estimates, around 2,500 people, thought to be from Bangladesh have been "pushed back" across the eastern border.

Rajya Sabha member Samirul Islam, from the Trinamool Congress, said that at least seven people from West Bengal who were "illegally pushed into Bangladesh by the BSF" have been brought back because of the State government's efforts and after the families filed *habeas corpus* petitions in the Calcutta High Court. The BSF has denied the "pushback".

A senior BSF official said that the force, deployed along the 4,096-km border with Bangladesh has been on a heightened vigil since August 2024, with instructions from the MHA "to not allow anyone into the country without valid documents".

"Undocumented migrants leaving the country voluntarily is not a new trend. In the past also, we have caught both Indians and Bangladeshis crossing the border illegally. Post August 2024, however there has been a sharp increase in the number of such people leaving India. If they are not involved in a serious crime, we let them go as keeping them here entails registration of a long legal procedure," the BSF official said.

Since 2018, as many as 17,637 Bangladeshi nationals were intercepted by the BSF along the eastern border while 3,342 individuals were caught in 2023.

Gallantry awards set to be announced for Operation Sindoor soldiers tomorrow

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Gallantry awards will be announced on Independence Day for defence personnel honoured for their exceptional courage during Operation Sindoor, a senior defence official said. Operation Sindoor's success will be celebrated at the Independence Day celebrations this year. This includes its logo on the view cutter at Gyanpath, and themed floral decorations.

Final preparations: Full dress rehearsal underway at the Red Fort for the 79th Independence Day celebrations. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Defence personnel selected for the awards will be seated at the Red Fort rampart, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver his address to the nation. The Prime Minister's address is expected to highlight the success of Operation Sindoor and the contributions of defence personnel.

The celebrations will commemorate "the continuing rise of a prosperous, secure and bold Naya Bharat" – the theme of this year's festivities – "as the nation is making giant strides towards realising the government's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047", the Defence Ministry said, adding the celebration will "provide renewed power to surge further ahead on the path to progress".

The Indian Air Force will stage a special flypast over the Red Fort, with three helicopters flying in formation carrying the National Flag as well as the Operation Sindoor flag. As in previous years, the aircraft will shower flower petals over the public.

About 5,000 special guests invited for 79th Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the 79th Independence Day celebrations on August 15 from the historic Red Fort in New Delhi.

Marking the occasion, Mr. Modi will unfurl the National Flag and deliver his address to the nation from the ramparts of the iconic monument.

"As India continues its journey towards achieving the government's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, this year's celebrations will be held under the theme Naya Bharat," the Union Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

"The celebrations will serve as a platform to commemorate the continuing rise of a prosperous, secure and bold Naya Bharat and provide renewed power to surge further ahead on the path to progress," the Defence Ministry said.

Mega event: About 2,500 cadets, including Army, Navy and Air Force personnel, will take part in the event. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The Air Force band, consisting of one Junior Commissioned Officer and 25 other ranks, will play the National Anthem when the Tricolour is hoisted and the Rashtriya Salute presented. The band will be conducted by Junior Warrant Officer M. Deka. For the first time, 11 Agniveer Vayu musicians will be part of the band playing the National Anthem.

Soon after the National Flag is hoisted by Mr. Modi, flower petals will be showered by two Mi-17 helicopters of the Air Force, one trooping the National Flag, and the other trooping a flag depicting Operation Sindoor. The helicopters will be captained by Wing Commander Vinay Poonia and Wing Commander Aditya Jaiswal.

The Prime Minister will then address the nation. At the conclusion of his speech, cadets of the National Cadet Corps, and My Bharat volunteers will sing the National Anthem.

Main theme

The success of Operation Sindoor will be celebrated during the Independence Day Celebrations this year. The view cutter at Gyanpath will feature the Operation Sindoor logo. Floral decorations will also be based on it. Invitation cards carry the Operation Sindoor logo, and the watermark of the Chenab Bridge depicting the rise of Naya Bharat.

Approximately 5,000 special guests from different walks of life have been invited to witness the celebrations at Red Fort.

About 2,500 boy and girl cadets from the Army, Navy and Air Force, and My Bharat volunteers will participate in the celebrations. They will be seated on Gyanpath, opposite the Red Fort ramparts, forming the Naya Bharat logo.

To promote patriotic fervour among citizens, and celebrate Operation Sindoor victory, bands of defence and paramilitary forces will perform at over 140 prominent locations across the country on the evening of the Independence Day celebrations.

Bihar SIR a battle between EC's power, citizens' right to vote: SC

Unlawful procedures in the hasty conduct of special intensive revision process are a 'casual way of doing away with citizens' right to vote', say petitioners; judge says EC has some 'elbow room' for special revision, but in exceptional circumstances

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The special intensive revision (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls is a battle between the Election Commission's "power" over elections and the ordinary citizen's right to be named in electoral rolls, and to be allowed to vote, the Supreme Court observed on Wednesday.

Justice Joymalya Bagchi, part of the Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, hearing petitions against the SIR, observed that poll-bound Bihar was in the middle of a contest between Article 324, which empowers the Election Commission (EC) to control elections, and the constitutional right of adult suffrage enshrined in Article 326 of the Constitution.

The judge's observation was in response to arguments raised by senior advocates A.M. Singhvi and Gopal Sankaranarayanan that the procedure of sending pre-filled enumeration forms to electors, only to later delete 65 lakh of them from the electoral roll without any prior enquiry or physical hearing was, to say the least, a "casual way of doing away with citizens' right to vote".

> Does this provision [Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act] give the Election Commission some residuary discretion to introduce additional elements?
> —JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

"An elector means someone who is already in the electoral roll. The enumeration form, indicative documents are just figments of the imagination of the EC. There is no such procedure in the Representation of the People Act. The procedure for removal from the electoral roll is 'absolutely strict' as intended by the Parliament. Removal would only be subsequent to an enquiry, even for one elector. It is the concept of the 'little man' laid down in the Supreme Court by Justice Krishna Iyer... Who gave the EC power to do this, under which law and what authority?" Mr. Sankaranarayanan submitted.

Justice Bagchi referred to the "elbow room" provided to the EC under Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People (RP) Act, which says that the EC can conduct a "special revision" in "such manner as it may think fit". "Does this provision give the EC some residuary discretion to introduce additional elements [like enumeration forms, indicative documents]?" Justice Bagchi asked the petitioners.

However, Mr. Sankaranarayanan responded that Section 21(3) only contemplated a special revision of "any one constituency or a part of a constituency".

"Can the provision be used to change the electoral rolls of the entire country from a time of your own choice? Does it authorise EC to embark on an *en masse* revision of the electoral rolls across the country?" the senior advocate responded. Section 21 (3) was meant to be resorted to only in "exceptional circumstances", he said.

Summarising Section 21 (3), Justice Bagchi said that it authorised the EC to devise procedures for special revision of the electoral roll in case of exceptional circumstances like a natural disaster.

"Otherwise, the EC has to strictly follow Rules 4 to 24 of the Registration of Electors Rules," Justice Bagchi said.

Justice Bagchi and Mr. Singhvi debated on whether giving citizens an option to choose from as many as 11 'indicative' documents to prove their citizenship and find their way back to the electoral roll could be considered "voter-inclusive" rather than "voter-exclusionary", as argued by the petitioners.

The judge pointed out that earlier summary revisions provided a choice of only seven documents.

Muzaffarpur Mayor has 2 voter ID cards, says Tejashwi Yadav

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav on Wednesday accused Muzaffarpur Mayor Nirmala Devi of possessing two electors photo identity cards (EPIC).

This comes just days after he accused Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha of having two voter ID cards. Mr. Yadav alleged that Ms. Devi's brothers-in-law Dilip Kumar and Manoj Kumar also had dual EPIC numbers.

The Electoral Registration Officer of Muzaffarpur later issued a notice to Ms. Devi and her two relatives and sought their reply by August 16.

Addressing a press conference at his official residence, Mr. Yadav said Ms. Devi, who is likely to be BJP's candidate in the coming Assembly election, had two voter ID cards and even her age was different in them.

He alleged that the Election Commission was removing names of voters who are sympathisers of Opposition parties from the electoral rolls.

Tejashwi Yadav

"What I am wondering till today is that the Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has not briefed the media even once ever since the special intensive revision commenced in Bihar. In the evening, the EC just issues a press note and does a fact-check by writing misleading news. What is going on in this country when the PM does not hold PC (press conference), the Bihar CM does not hold PC, nor even the Election Commissioner. What kind of democracy is it?" Mr. Yadav said.

Announcement

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Home Ministry clears first-ever cadre review of BSF personnel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Since the inception of the force in 1965, this is the first time that such a review is being carried out

The Union Home Ministry has approved the first-ever cadre review of Border Security Force (BSF) personnel.

The BSF said in a statement on Wednesday that the Government of India had approved the cadre review of the BSF Group B and C employees, spanning from constable to inspector, and its implementation had already begun. "The implementation will cover a total immediate promotions of 23,710 personnel. 8,116 promotion orders in different ranks have already been issued today," the BSF said.

Since the inception of the force in 1965, this is the first time that such a review is being carried out, a BSF official said. In the absence of the review, many constables retired from service after just one or two promotions, against the projected five promotions up to the rank of Assistant Commandant in a few cases.

The BSF is deployed along the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders.

'Overall morale'

The review is expected to improve promotion avenues from constable to inspector, providing significant respite to personnel from existing stagnation, thereby enhancing overall morale and professional development of the force's personnel, the BSF said.

Rahul Gandhi to lead 'Vote Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar as Congress intensifies fight against SIR

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is all set to start a 16-day-long "Vote Adhikar Yatra" from Sasaram in Bihar on Sunday, as the principal Opposition party steps up its campaign against alleged irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State.

On Wednesday, Mr. Gandhi put out a video on his X handle in which he is seen interacting with a group of voters, who have been declared dead in the SIR exercise. "There have been many interesting experiences in life, but I never got the chance to have tea with 'dead people'. For this unique experience, thank you Election Commission!" Mr. Gandhi said.

Taking the fight to ground zero, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal met INDIA bloc leaders in Sasaram to assess the preparation for the yatra to be led by Mr. Gandhi.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interacts with people who have been declared dead in the SIR exercise, in New Delhi. PTI

'Mass movement'

"The fight to protect our democracy will take place on the streets! Starting August 17th, LOP Sh Rahul Gandhi*ji* and INDIA parties will embark on a massive Vote Adhikar Yatra across Bihar – against the dangerous SIR exercise, and to make the battle against Vote *Chori* a mass movement!" Mr. Venugopal said in a post on X.

Though the Congress is yet to officially announce the exact route, it is tentatively scheduled to pass through 24 districts (of the total 38) and cover nearly 60 of the 243 Assembly seats.

The yatra will cross Aurangabad, Gaya, Nalanda, Munger, Purnia, Madhubani, Darbhanga, Katihar, Bhagalpur, Sitamarhi, East and West Champaran, Gopalganj, Supaul, Siwan, Chhapra, and Arrah, among others. Many of these areas have seen a large number of complaints of deletion of voters in the SIR exercise.

The yatra will conclude with a public rally at Patna's Gandhi Maidan on September 1.

Video launched

On Wednesday, the party launched a new video around the alleged theme of vote *chori* (theft), with the video showing how fake votes were being cast in the name of genuine voters.

"Do not let your right to vote be snatched away. Ask questions, demand answers this time! Raise your voice against vote *chori*. Free constitutional institutions from the clutches of the BJP," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X.

On Tuesday, the party announced a series of programmes under the banner of *Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod* (Vote thief, vacate the seat).

On August 14, the party will take out a nationwide candlelight march at 8 p.m. in all districts, followed by "*Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod*" rallies in all States between August 22 and September 7, and finally a month-long nationwide signature campaign from September 15 to collect five crore signatures.

The Congress is hoping that Mr. Gandhi's yatra would infuse the much-needed energy into the Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee and build a momentum for the party in the run-up to the Assembly election later this year.

Two Maoists killed in Chhattisgarh operation

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Two senior Maoists, with a combined bounty of ₹35 lakh, were gunned down by the security forces in Chhattisgarh's Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki district on Wednesday, said the police.

District Superintendent of Police Y.P. Singh said Vijay Reddy and Lokesh Salame were killed in an operation along the Banda Pahad hill in the Madanwada police station limits.

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BJP alleges poll irregularities in seats held by Opposition leaders

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NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday alleged irregularities in voter registration in the Rae Bareli, Wayanad, Diamond Harbour, and Kannauj Lok Sabha seats and demanded that the respective representatives, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Abhishek Banerjee, and Akhilesh Yadav, resign as MPs. The party alleged they had secured victory in the election with "vote *chori* (theft)".

Former Union Minister Anurag Thakur, during a press conference, also flagged "irregularities" in voter registration in the Kolathur Assembly seat in Tamil Nadu and the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) supremo M.K. Stalin and Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Dimple Yadav should resign for "rigging" elections, Mr. Thakur said.

Raising questions: BJP MP Anurag Thakur addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

The press conference included a slideshow presentation on the issue. Mr. Thakur slammed leaders of the Congress, the Trinamool Congress, the SP, and the DMK for raising questions against the Election Commission, and accused them of running a vicious propaganda campaign against the special intensive revision of electoral rolls to protect their "vote bank of illegal Bangladeshi infiltration" and other "intruders".

"Seeing this *shor* (hue and cry) being made by the Opposition, it now seems that "*chor machaye shor* (the thief is raising a hue and cry)," Mr. Thakur said.

"Rae Bareli, Wayanad, Kannauj, to Diamond Harbour – one question is coming up everywhere – why did they (the incumbent legislators of these constituencies) make fake voters? Will they resign for indulging in vote *chori* and protecting intruders?" Mr. Thakur said.

'Hand over evidence'

Hitting back at Mr. Thakur, Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said, "The numbers of five or six Lok Sabha constituencies that he (Thakur) has released ... it took us six months to collect for just one Vidhan Sabha. Where did he get the electronic voter list from? This shows how deeply aligned BJP leaders are with the EC."

"We also want to point out that what he has released today is evidence of a crime. We demand that this evidence be handed over to us within 24 hours so we can proceed with the investigation. We also want the electronic voter list of Varanasi, from where the Prime Minister won (the Lok Sabha election) by a very small margin, so that people can know whether he truly won or not," Mr. Khera told PTI Videos.

"Today, he (Thakur) has released the data for five or six Lok Sabha constituencies, whereas we had only released a list of 50 booths from one Vidhan Sabha. This proves, by his own action, that the election was held on a fake voter list. We demand that the Lok Sabha election be considered null and void," Mr. Khera said.

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25 lakh people affected due to flood in 10 districts of Bihar

Nearly 25 lakh people in low-lying areas of Bihar have been affected by floods in 10 districts along the Ganga river. Incessant rainfall in the catchment areas of Nepal has pushed water levels above danger level at several places. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar held a high-level review meeting on Wednesday to assess the relief and rescue operations in the flood-affected areas and issued necessary instructions to the officials concerned. Due to heavy rainfall, the districts of Bhojpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Munger, Khagaria, Bhagalpur, and Katihar have been particularly affected.

Centre gives approval for new veterinary college in Gujarat

The Union government has approved the establishment of Kamdhenu Veterinary College at Himatnagar in Gujarat under Kamdhenu University. The institution will offer 80 seats in Bachelor of Veterinary Science (B.V.Sc.) and Animal Husbandry programmes, with admissions for the 2025-26 academic year set to begin next month through NEET scores. The spacious Himatnagar facility spread over 23 acres will be Gujarat's fifth veterinary college joining the ranks of institutions in Anand, Navsari, Junagadh, and Dantiwada. The proposal, submitted by the State government, received approval from the Veterinary Council of India (VCI) after a detailed inspection earlier this year.

Many reject plastics treaty draft that omits curbs on production

However, the current version receives support from the Indian delegation and petrochemical producers such as Kuwait; about 80 member states expressed disappointment, with some saying that the text should not be used as the basis for talks

Jacob Koshy
GENEVA

On the penultimate day of countries being expected to finalise a treaty on plastic pollution, a majority of countries expressed their disappointment with a draft agreement, which does away with a key demand of countries agreeing to limit the production of plastics.

This version however favours a minority bloc, which includes several Arab states and India, that has consistently advocated for addressing plastic pollution without such cuts on production.

"This represents my best attempts to consolidate various positions that have been expressed through various delegations and groups," said Chair of proceedings Luis Vayas Valdivieso. "This is however still a proposal that can be discussed."

Kuwait has made a statement that is largely approving of the text. Naresh Gangwar, who led the Indian delegation said, "We support the statement made by Kuwait. While there are some improvements that we can suggest we are happy to discuss this."

To protect the planet: People observe an installation by the World Wildlife Fund against plastic waste during the ongoing plastics treaty negotiations in Geneva on Wednesday. AP

"The proposed draft text is entirely unacceptable and we cannot use it as a basis for negotiations," said Sebastian Rodriguez, the delegate from Colombia who was the first to speak but whose statement received resounding applause.

"Our red lines and that of the majority of the members of this hall have been spat upon. This is not simply about closing a treaty at any cost but about closing a wound that has hurt our oceans and our livelihood. We need a new text. This is something that we cannot work with," said Juan Carlos Monterrey Gomez, the delegate from Panama. About 80 member states expressed their disapproval on these lines.

Balance sought

"This text is a milestone that demands some reflection. However there are points that we need some balance between various articles in the text," said Abdulrahman Al Gwaiz, the delegate from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His remarks invited a measure of applause from petrochemical countries and from the members of the Indian delegation.

Independent observers expressed disappointment. "The Chair's text that dropped today in advance of the plenary is disappointing. The text does not fulfil the mandate of resolution 5/14 as it does not address the full life-cycle of plastics. Chemicals of Concern also does not find place in the text. There is also no attempt made to reduce plastic dependency through mandating reuse and refill systems. This text is lopsided and will do nothing, even at the level of downstream waste management to address plastic pollution," said Swathi Seshadri, petrochemicals specialist, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA).

"The new Chair's text makes a mockery of a three-year-long consultative process that showed broad support for an ambitious plastics treaty that addresses the full life-cycle of plastics, including production. While there are token references to human rights, and human health, the provisions that follow undermine any and all measures that follow. This is a treaty that all but ensures that nothing will change. It gives in to petrostate and industry demands with weak, voluntary measures that guarantee we continue to produce plastic at increasing levels," said David Azoulay, Centre for International Environmental Law.

Rahul's lawyer will take back statement in court: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Congress on Wednesday said Rahul Gandhi's lawyer raised the issue of threat to his life without his consent and will take back the statement in court on Thursday.

The lawyer had made the submission in a special MP/MLA court in Pune, which is hearing a criminal defamation case against Mr. Gandhi over his remarks on V.D. Savarkar.

In a post on X, party leader Pawan Khera said, "Mr. Rahul Gandhi's lawyer raised the issue of threat to his life in the court without his consent. Mr. Gandhi strongly objects to this and tomorrow his lawyer will withdraw this statement in the court."

Earlier, in a written submission before the court, advocate Milind Dattatraya Pawar said Mr. Gandhi had "grave apprehensions" for his personal safety, alleging that the complainant in the case was a descendant of Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse. He contended that this fact was never disclosed earlier, and argued that it heightened the potential risk to Mr. Gandhi given political and ideological undertones of the matter.

'Every theatre must screen one Bengali movie daily'

Moyurie Som
KOLKATA

The West Bengal government passed an order on Wednesday mandating the screening of at least one Bengali-language film daily in prime time slots between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. in every theatre and multiplex in the State.

The Trinamool Congress, which is in power, has stepped up its *Bhasha Andolan* (language movement) as part of a push to prioritise the Bengali language and culture.

"Earlier, only 120 Bengali film screenings were mandatory per year. Under the new rules, Bengali films must be screened 365 days a year on every screen during prime time slots," West Bengal Minister Aroop Biswas said referring to the August 13 notification.

Incumbent Rudy beats Balyan in keenly contested Constitution Club election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A contest between BJP MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy and former Union Minister Sanjeev Balyan for control over the Constitution Club in New Delhi, which caters to MPs and former MPs, was decided in favour of Mr. Rudy after weeks of hectic campaigning that revealed interesting political alliances. Both BJP leaders were slugging it out for the post of secretary (administration).

The election saw a turnout of 60%. In total, 707 votes were polled, of which 38 were postal ballots. Mr. Rudy won by a margin of 102 votes.

"Everyone rose from their party [lines] and cast their vote... My panel had people from the Congress, SP, Trinamool Congress, and Independent MPs... I got the result of my efforts in the last two decades," Mr. Rudy said after the victory.

BJP leader Rajiv Pratap Rudy speaks to the media after his victory in the Constitution Club election, in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Balyan said he was not a candidate of any group in the party but agreed that the Opposition was successful in creating this impression. "Had I been the party's choice, only six votes would not have been cast from Gujarat, the strongest centre of the group that is being alluded to, and several Ministers would not have stayed away from voting."

Mr. Rudy has been at the helm of the Constitution Club for nearly a quarter of a century and was largely credited with reviving it from the largely dilapidated state it had fallen into in the years past. The length of his tenure was also held against him, as his opponents said a fresh team should be elected.

Active campaigning

The polls this time created a kerfuffle not only because of the BJP versus BJP angle, but the fervour with which campaigning was done. Lok Sabha MP from Jharkhand Nishikant Dubey and Anakapalli MP C.M. Ramesh campaigned for Mr. Balyan, while Congress MP Deepender Hooda seemed to be on Mr. Rudy's side.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda, and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi also cast their votes.

Speculation was rife that Mr. Balyan, aided by Mr. Dubey, had the support of the "senior" leadership of the BJP, while Mr. Rudy had the support of a strong regional satrap of the party, although both denied that it was so.

The posts of secretary (treasurer) was won by DMK MP P. Wilson, secretary (sports) by Congress MP Rajiv Shukla, and secretary (culture) by DMK MP Tiruchi Shiva after the opposing candidates withdrew their nominations.

SC issues notice to Centre on plea for 'creamy layer' like system in SC, ST reservation

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has decided to examine a petition to introduce a "system", similar to the creamy layer concept for the Other Backward Classes (OBC), to achieve equitable distribution of reservation benefits among the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi issued notice to the Union government on a petition filed by Ramashankar Prajapati highlighting that the current reservation policy disproportionately benefitted groups within the SCs and STs who were already well-off and enjoying social clout, while the most deprived members continued to swirl in the cycle of

extreme poverty.

"There is an urgent need to integrate economic criteria into the reservation policy," Mr. Prajapati, represented by advocates Sandeep Singh and Reena N. Singh, submitted in court. The petition sought the introduction of a two-tier reservation system to be implemented within SC/ST categories, prioritising individuals from economically weaker sections before extending benefits to those who are relatively well-off.

"The proposal for restructuring does not involve any reduction in the current percentage of reservation for SC/ST or other minority communities... This reform proposal does not seek to abolish or undermine caste-based reservation but rather to refine them to serve their intended purpose more effectively by introducing an income-based prioritisation mechanism within SC/ST reservations," Mr. Singh argued for the petitioner.

Justice Kant remarked during the hearing that the concept revolved around the ability of the State to assess the economic capacity within the communities. The Bench, listing the case on October 10, advised a careful dealing of the issue considering the sensitivity of the reservation policy and the likelihood of divergent views.

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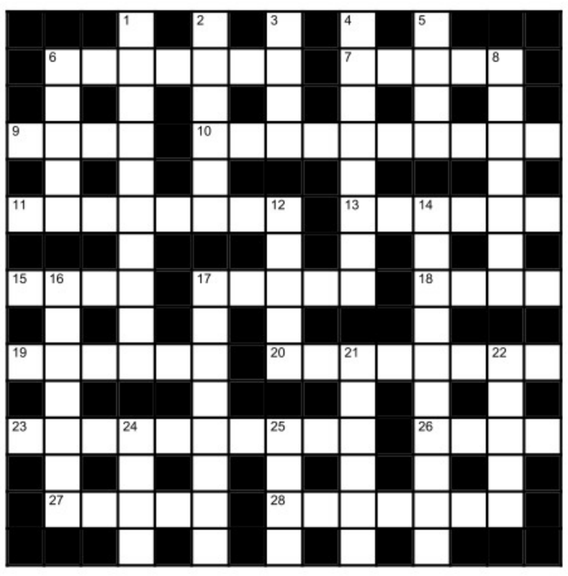

Across

6 Article about South American saint (7)
7 Smarten up one getting married (5)
9 Party guests appreciate luscious appetisers for starters (4)
10 Young woman I love? Not a preacher! (10)
11 Penalise a number involved in awful scene (8)
13 Train Indians regularly in compound (6)
15 Model near street in Paris? That's correct (4)
17 Number three perhaps (5)
18 Reportedly durable fabric that's passed on (4)
19 Architects crashed, losing relay race - Darn! (6)
20 Goons hit indiscriminately in gunfire (8)
23 Cheat and somehow vote in new Assembly (10)
26 Essentially, archive shows human needs somewhere to live (4)
27 Small plant in bottle (5)
28 Fellow gave up after losing the lead and stopped (7)

Down

1 Director possibly met parent in office (10)
2 Propose amendments protecting sailors (6)
3 Girl leaving Nigerian city for a country in Asia (4)
4 Sparkling silver pieces of paper perhaps (8)
5 Actor runs frequently, leading to foot trouble (4)
6 Lying about education & skill for job (5)
8 Outsider little green perhaps? (7)
12 Indicated people cycling forms character (5)
14 This plant's another thing eaten in Southern Europe (10)
16 Break trip occasionally, working with son to get supplies (7)
17 Henna applied around last month has intensified (8)
21 Wild cats ? They're part of the pound (6)
22 Traveller listed among cases coming up (5)
24 Arrogant streak, you say? (4)
25 News or facts needed immediately lifted from sources (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Krishna's advice to Arjuna

The main argument of the Bhagavad Gita is often seen as unassailable. Proponents of various Hindu sub-religions interpret it as illuminating their perspectives, partly because the Gita explains Karma yoga, Jnana yoga, and Bhakti yoga as interconnected paths. The Vedas align with this, encouraging devotion and worship to focus the mind on God. Acharya Vedanta Desika captures human fallibility with the analogy of an elephant repeating errors despite guidance, just as people often repeat mistakes. He prays for divine grace, drawing a parallel to Lord Krishna guiding and blessing Arjuna through His grace.

Valayappettai Sri Ramachariar emphasised that Lord Krishna's advice to Arjuna centres on the Charama sloka: *Sarva Dharman Parityajya* (Chapter 18 – Verse 66): "Completely relinquish all dharmas and seek Me as refuge; I will free you from all sins." Acharya Ramanuja clarifies that authentic relinquishment means letting go of control, ownership, and attachment to outcomes, not abandoning devotional practices. The core teaching is to dedicate one's actions to God, with the individual acting as His instrument. Any rewards belong to God, not the agent. Krishna assured Arjuna that He would free him from all obstacles incompatible with the path, such as doing what should not be done and neglecting what should be done. When Arjuna doubted whether he could begin Bhakti yoga, the Lord instructed him to renounce all dharmas. Here, dharmas means expiatory duties. The Lord said He is always compassionate to those who depend on Him.

Through a mere surrender, a person can derive the blessings of God and attain liberation.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,540	0.38
US Dollar	87.47	0.18
Gold	1,01,020	-0.49
Brent oil	65.08	-2.25

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2280.10	-8.10
Adani Ports	1319.60	-10.90
Apollo Hosp	7808.50	572.00
Asian Paints	2500.20	21.90
Axis Bank	1066.00	-4.00
Bajaj Auto	8248.50	52.00
Bajaj Finserv	1914.40	6.40
Bajaj Finance	860.00	7.00
Bharat Elec	388.85	8.50
Bharti Airtel	1867.40	17.10
Cipla	1561.00	39.40
Coal India	386.10	0.75
Dr Reddys Lab	1253.40	33.10
Eicher Motors	5714.50	56.50
Eternal Ltd.	312.35	6.45
Grasim Ind	2745.90	5.50
HCL Tech	1501.10	2.00
HDFC Bank	1980.30	10.40
HDFC Life	776.60	10.40
Hero MotoCorp	4768.70	123.50
Hindalco	700.50	33.45
Hind Unilever	2495.10	11.30
ICICI Bank	1420.80	-1.20
IndusInd Bank	773.45	-9.60
Infosys	1426.60	2.50
ITC	414.10	-2.25
Jio Financial Servic-es Ltd.	330.60	3.60
JSW Steel	1053.70	5.50
Kotak Bank	1987.70	28.70
L&T	3693.70	7.60
M&M	3282.20	45.70
Maruti Suzuki	12834.00	-6.00
NestleIndia	1096.90	5.80
NTPC	339.95	-0.15
ONGC	238.67	3.15
PowerGrid Corp	288.20	3.55
Reliance Ind	1382.60	2.20
SBI Life	1840.30	2.30
State Bank	821.85	1.25
Shriram Finance Ltd.	619.25	7.35
Sun Pharma	1639.80	17.60
TataConsumerPro-duct	1056.10	9.30
Tata Motors	663.75	9.65
Tata Steel	160.18	0.02
TCS	3036.20	0.80
Tech Mahindra	1506.30	-3.00
Titan	3466.80	-20.00
Trent Ltd.	5398.50	33.00
UltraTech Cement	12401.00	-48.00
Wipro	241.65	-0.07

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.24	87.56
Euro	102.21	102.59
British Pound	118.40	118.84
Japanese Yen (100)	59.17	59.38
Chinese Yuan	12.16	12.21
Swiss Franc	108.62	109.03
Singapore Dollar	68.15	68.41
Canadian Dollar	63.41	63.66
Malaysian Ringitt	20.73	20.83
Australian Dollar	57.19	57.40

Source:Indian Bank

U.S., not India, is 'tariff king', says Amul MD

'While India maintained a uniform 30% import duty on all dairy items, the U.S. imposed a steeper 40-75% on products like ghee, butter, cheese'

Abhinay Deshpande
ANAND

Dairy diary: The new tariffs won't affect Amul's overseas sales as demand from Indian diaspora and locals is strong, says Mehta. PTI

The United States is the real 'tariff king', at least in the dairy business, despite U.S. President Donald Trump labelling India as one, said Jayen Mehta, MD of the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. (GCMMF), which markets the Amul brand.

Mr. Mehta added that the new U.S. tariffs would not affect Amul's overseas sales, as demand from the Indian diaspora and even locals remained strong.

In a freewheeling conversation with *The Hindu* in Gujarat's Anand, the brand's headquarters, Mr. Mehta said that while India maintained a uniform 30% import duty on all dairy products, the U.S. imposed much steeper tariffs ranging from 40-75% on items like ghee, butter, cheese, flavoured milk, cream, and shrikhand.

"Amul has been exporting to the U.S. since 1998. Unlike India, the U.S. imposes varying import duties on different dairy products. But, unfortunately, we are projected as a high-duty country, whereas the actual tariff king is the United States, at least in the dairy business," he said.

"Before August 1, the U.S. charged nearly 50% import duty on ghee and butter, 40% on cheese, 61% on flavoured milk products, 40% on cream, and 75% on shrikhand," he said. He said milk was the "largest agricultural crop in India," with over 10 crore families dependent on it for their livelihood, and that the value of milk output in the country exceeded that of wheat, paddy, and oilseeds combined.

When asked about the U.S. market's response to Amul milk, introduced in May last year, Mr. Mehta said that in addition to the Indian diaspora, the mainstream market had also accepted the product, and now the milk was being sold in more than 35 States in the U.S.

"And it's not just Indian grocery stores buying it; even mainstream retailers like Costco are also stocking it. For the first time in history, the U.S. is consuming 6% fat milk [compared with the usual 3%]."

Mr. Mehta said that Amul is present in 40 countries and had entered Portugal and Spain in June, and by the end of August, or latest by September, it would be in Switzerland, Germany, and France.

"Historically, we have not had a presence in Europe, so this marks our first entry into the continent."

"We have four major foreign markets: the Middle East, with an office in Dubai; South-East Asia; Japan, where our business is growing significantly; and of course, the United States," he said.

Asked whether there was any possibility of an IPO, Mr. Mehta said it would never happen.

"As a cooperative, our purpose is the opposite of what drives listed companies.... We're owned by farmers, so we have to keep them happy as they are our shareholders. If we went public, the pressure would be to show higher profits," he added.

RBI prescribes seven *sutras* for AI adoption in financial sector

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

To foster innovation, the panel has recommended the establishment of shared infrastructure

A committee set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to develop a Framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI) in the financial sector has recommended the establishment of shared infrastructure by regulated entities (REs) to democratise access to data and compute, and for the creation of an AI Innovation Sandbox.

On Wednesday, the panel submitted its report, which has been uploaded on the RBI website. The report sets a framework to guide on the use of AI in the financial sector, aiming to harness its potential while safeguarding against associated risks.

The committee has developed 7 *sutras* to serve as the foundational principles for AI adoption. Guided by the 7 *sutras*, the committee has recommended a forward-looking approach, containing 26 actionable recommendations under six strategic pillars.

The report envisions a financial ecosystem where encouraging innovation is in harmony, and not at odds, with mitigation of risk, the RBI said.

The 7 *sutras* include Trust is the Foundation, People First, Innovation over Restraint, Fairness and Equity, Accountability, Understandable by Design and Safety, Resilience and Sustainability.

Using the *sutras* as guidance, the committee has recommended an approach that fosters innovation and mitigates risks, treating these two seemingly competing objectives as complementary forces that must be pursued in tandem. This is achieved through a unified vision spread across 6 strategic pillars that address the dimensions of innovation enablement as well as risk mitigation, it said.

Under innovation enablement, the focus is on Infrastructure, Policy and Capacity and for risk mitigation, the focus is on Governance, Protection and Assurance. Under these six pillars, the report outlines 26 recommendations for AI adoption in the financial sector. To foster innovation, the panel has recommended the establishment of shared infrastructure to democratise access to data and compute; the creation of an AI Innovation Sandbox and the development of indigenous financial sector-specific AI models.

To mitigate AI risks, the committee has recommended the formulation of a board-approved AI policy by REs, the expansion of product approval processes, consumer protection frameworks and audits to include AI related aspects and the augmentation of cybersecurity practices and incident reporting frameworks.

INBRIEF

RBI permits transition to continuous cheque clearance

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to transition the Cheque Truncation System (CTS) from the current approach of batch processing to continuous clearing with settlement on realisation in two phases. Phase 1 will be implemented on October 4, 2025 and Phase 2 on January 3, 2026, the banking sector regulator said. All banks have been advised to make their customers adequately aware of the changes in the cheque clearing process.

BPCL net more than doubles on bumper retail fuel margin

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) on Wednesday reported more than doubling of its first quarter net profit, as marketing margins surged because of holding retail prices despite a drop in input oil cost. Its consolidated net profit of ₹6,839.02 crore in April-June - the first quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year - compared with ₹2,841.55 crore earnings in the same period last year, according to a stock exchange filing by the company. PTI

Mercedes-Benz unveils AMG CLE 53 at ₹1.35 crore

Mercedes-Benz unveiled the Mercedes-AMG CLE 53 4MATIC+ Coupé at ₹1.35 crore (ex-showroom, all-India) further strengthening its top-end luxury performance portfolio in India. The 3-litre M 256M inline six-cylinder engine 330 kW (449 hp) at 5,800-6,100 rpm and 560 Nm torque (briefly 600 Nm with over boost) at 2,200- 5,000 rpm. It can achieve 0-100 km/h acceleration in 4.2 seconds with electronically limited top speed of 250 km/h, the company added.

Brigade, Marriot to open six India hotels

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Brigade Hotel Ventures, which recently listed on the bourses, announced a deal with Marriot International Inc. to open six hotels in four key markets, according to a statement.

The expansion will feature hotels under five brands viz. The Ritz-Carlton, JW Marriott, Marriott Hotels & Resorts, Courtyard by Marriott and Fairfield by Marriott. The six hotels will have a total of of 940 rooms. The hotels are Courtyard Marriot and JW Marriot in Chennai, Ritz Carlton and Marriot Hotel in Kerala and two Fairfield hotels in Bengaluru.

The expansion plan will begin with the Courtyard Marriot in Chennai in fiscal 2027 and end with JW Marriot in Chennai by fiscal 2030. This will take the total number of hotels under the partnership to eight.

Omega Seiki mulls $25 mn investment in Dubai EV unit

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Omega Seiki Mobility, an Indian electric vehicle (EV) maker, said it set up its first international EV assembly plant in Jafza and would invest $25 million over the next five years to accelerate global expansion and meet rising demand for low-emission transport in the region.

Vikram Solar unveils ₹2,000-crore IPO

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Vikram Solar Ltd. will raise ₹2,000 crore via an Initial Public Offering (IPO) opening on August 19. The issue comprises fresh issue of shares up to ₹1,500 crore and offer for sale of up to 1,74,50,882 equity shares by the promoter and promoter group. The price band is set at ₹315-₹332 for equity share of ₹10 each.

From fresh-issue proceeds, about ₹770 crore will be for partial funding of capital expenditure via investment in wholly owned VSL Green Power Pvt. Ltd. for phase-I of the project, about ₹595 crore for phase-II of the project and rest for general corporate purposes.

On likely impact of U.S. tariffs on the company, Gyanesh Chaudhary, CMD, replied in negative saying "we do not export anything to the U.S."

ICICI Bank trims S/B minimum balance to ₹15,000 from ₹50,000

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

In a U-turn, ICICI Bank has slashed the minimum monthly average balance (MAB) requirement to ₹15,000 from the earlier steep hike to ₹50,000, citing "valuable feedback" from customers.

The MAB requirement for new savings bank accounts opened on or after August 1 was raised five times to ₹50,000.

The bank still effected a 50% increase across segments.

"Following valuable feedback from our customers, we have revised these requirements to better reflect their expectations and preferences," ICICI Bank posted on its website.

Rural, semi-urban

Similarly, the MAB for semi-urban and rural locations were revised downwards to ₹7,500 and ₹2,500 respectively, it said.

Before August 1, the MAB for semi-urban and rural was ₹5,000 and ₹2,000, respectively. Even after the rollback, the bank has effected a 50% hike across all these segments.

OFFICE OF THE SE & PM WCDC ZILA PARISHAD ALWAR
File No. : ()/ 1309 Date : 06/08/2025
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB NO. 18/2025-26
Bids for Construction of Spillway Works In PMKSY-2-0 Block Govindgarh of Estimated value INR 288.96 Lacs [01 Package] are invited from interested bidders up to 06.00 PM, 27-08-2025 Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/)** of the State.
NIB Code :- WSC2526A0613,
UBN No. :- WSC2526WSOB01044
Superintending Engineer and Project Manager
Raj.Samwad/C/25/8118 WCDC Zilla Parishad Alwar

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TAMILNADU POLICE DEPARTMENT
G.O.(D) NO. 445 Home (Police-XII) Department 07.04.2021
NIT No. E1/469823/2020
The Office of the Commissioner of Police, Avinashi Road, Kumar Nagar, Tiruppur - 641 603 Phone : 0421-2240400. invites E-tenders for SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 1200 CCTV CAMERAS IN TIRUPPUR CITY - Tenders Document may be downloaded from our website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

Value of the Work	Rs. 11,99,57,320/-
EMD	1% (Rs.1,199,573/-)
Period of Tender	180 Days
Date of Viewing & Downloading of Tender Documents	18.08.2025 / 10:00 Hrs
Due Date for the submission of E-tender	17.09.2025 / 17:00 Hrs
Opening Date of E-tender	**19.09.2025 / 11:00 Hrs**
Tender Inviting Authority :	Deputy Commissioner of Police, (HQRS) Tiruppur City.

DIPR/4139/TENDER/2025 Commissioner of Police, Tiruppur City

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Memo No: 260-20/HQ Department of Agriculture Dated: 11.08.2025
NOTICE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION OF FARM MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS UNDER FMS- 2025-26 IN WEST BENGAL
All the Farm Machinery Manufacturers who have furnished information of their new models of different farm machinery/implements during July, 2025 for participation in FMS-2025-26 in West Bengal & presently agreed upon to sell or supply their different farm machinery/implements in the published indicative price are invited to enlist their models through Manufacturers registration link in the portal **(https://www.wbfms.wb.gov.in/)** with essential details of their models, specification, test report of models, notarized declaration and dealers network etc. The models having ISI mark or tested by the Government recognized testing institutes can only be enlisted in the portal.
The registration link will be hosted & available in the above mentioned portal on & from 14.08.2025 (from 11.00 am) to 22.08.2025 (up to 5.00 pm).
Interested manufacturers & dealers will have to follow the User Manual & Guidelines of Farm Mechanization schemes-2025-26 which is available in the said portal.
Indicative Price of different FM models shall remain valid up to the date of effect of publication of Indicative price for next year by the Govt of WB.
All the interested FM manufacturers will have to mandatorily upload & submit a notarized declaration on testing report, after sale service etc. as per Guidelines of FMS-2025-26 .
The existing dealers of the FM manufacturers who are already registered need not to register again but the dealers who are not registered in the FM Portal within West Bengal will have to be registered in the portal & an undertaking/consent of the dealers will be taken by the manufacturers for selling of machinery/implements under FMS -2025-26. Only authorized dealers will be allowed to register in their particular address as mentioned in their dealership certificate /license issued by the FM manufacturers. No sub - dealer will be allowed under FMS-2025-26 in WB.
Besides uploading in the portal, hard copy of all the following requisite documents must be submitted in an envelope addressing a letter to the Director of Agriculture & Ex Officio Secretary, West Bengal, Jessop Building,1st Floor, 63 Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001 within 25.08.2025 either through speed post/ couriers or at drop box at Jessop Building, Kolkata.
List of documents to be submitted: 1. GSTN & CIN No; 2. PAN; 3. Manufacturing license (if any); 4. Marketing licence; 5. Product test report issued by Government recognised Testing Institutes; 6. Original Notarized declaration on after sale service, test report of the models etc in Annexure-XIX ; 7. Consent letter of the authorized Dealers throughout the State; (all pages of the documents need to be signed by authorized signatory with stamp).
Online approval of the FM models will be accorded after verification of documents and information furnished online as well as in hard copy.
For any query please contact the Deputy Director of Agriculture (HQ), Farm Mechanization Cell, Directorate of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal, Jessop Building,1st Floor, 63 N S Road, Kolkata-700001, Phone:033-2254 0917, Email: wbfm2024@gmail.
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
MADURAI HIGHWAYS, PROJECTS CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No. 04 /2025-26/SDO, dated:12.08.2025
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Scheduled Tender under two cover system through online only** will be received upto **16.09.2025, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle for the works of "Construction of High Level Bridge at km 2/6 of Gudalur - Z.Peraiyur Road across Marudhaiyaru in lieu of existing Vented Causeway (ODR)" pertaining to Trichy (H), Projects Division.
Details of work, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **29.08.2025** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
DIPR / 4373 / TENDER / 2025 **Superintending Engineer (H), Projects, Madurai Circle.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
(Training wing)
Alandur Road, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Ref. No. 3884/Pur.2/2025 Dt:11.08.25
In order to provide industry oriented skill training to the trainees, online Tenders in two cover system are invited from industries for Expression of Interest for Identifying Industry to establish training centre in Non leather Footwear maker sector at Govt Industrial Training Institute , Ulundurpet.
For further details, Terms & Conditions please visit Tamil Nadu e-tendering portal **https://tntenders.gov.in .** Tender Document can be downloaded from the web portal at free of cost from the date as mentioned below.

Sl. No	Tender Description & Reference No.	Tender Document Download Start Date & Time	Bid submission closing Date & Time
1	Calling for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Identifying Industry to establish training centre in Non leather Footwear maker sector at Govt Industrial Training Institute, Ulundurpet. 3884/Pur.2/2025	14-08-2025 at 3.30 pm	15-09-2025 at 11.00 AM

DIPR/4332/TENDER/2025 Additional Director (ATS) (I/C) Tender Inviting Authority

WELLINGTON

Netanyahu has 'lost the plot' in Gaza, says New Zealand PM Luxon

AP

New Zealand's Prime Minister said on Wednesday that Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu had "lost the plot", accusing him of going too far in his efforts to wage war on Gaza. "What's happening in Gaza is utterly, utterly appalling," said Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. "Netanyahu has gone way too far. I think he has lost the plot." AFP

DHAKA

Bangladesh probes Hasina's family, U.K. lawmaker in corruption case

AP

Bangladesh anti-corruption officials told a court on Wednesday of alleged abuses of power by ousted ex-leader Sheikh Hasina and her family in cases involving her niece, British lawmaker Tulip Siddiq. Officials read out testimonies in three separate cases, over an alleged land grab of lucrative plots in a suburb of Dhaka. AFP

KATHMANDU

Nepal waives climbing fees for 97 mountain peaks to boost tourism

AP

Nepal has waived climbing fees for 97 mountains, officials said on Wednesday, hoping to steer people to its lesser-known peaks and boost local economies. "We hope it will bring our hidden treasures in the limelight and diversify the mountains Nepal offers," Himal Gautam, of Nepal's tourism department said. AFP

BERLIN

There will be severe consequences if Putin doesn't stop war: Trump

AFP

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Wednesday there will be "very severe consequences" if Russian President Vladimir Putin doesn't agree to stop the Ukraine war after Friday's summit. Mr. Trump was "very clear" that the U.S. wants to achieve a ceasefire at the summit in Alaska, French President Emmanuel Macron said. AP

Netanyahu floats 'letting' Palestinians out of Gaza

Israel is intensifying its attacks using bombs, drones, and highly explosive munitions that cause massive destruction, says Gaza's civil defence; at least 33 were killed in the enclave on Tuesday

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday revived calls to "allow" Palestinians to leave the Gaza Strip, as the military prepares a broader offensive in the territory.

Past calls to resettle Gazans outside of the war-battered territory, including from U.S. President Donald Trump, have sparked concern among Palestinians and condemnation from the international community.

Mr. Netanyahu defended his war policies in a rare interview with Israeli media, broadcast shortly after Egypt said Gaza mediators were leading a renewed push to secure a 60-day truce. The Premier told Israeli broadcaster i24NEWS that "we are not pushing them out, but we are allowing them to leave".

"Give them the opportunity to leave, first of all, combat zones, and generally to leave the territory, if they want," he said, citing refugee outflows during wars in Syria, Ukraine and Afghanistan.

In the Gaza Strip, Israel for years has tightly controlled the borders and barred many from leaving.

Trucks carrying aid for Palestinians in Gaza move along the border with the besieged territory in southern Israel on Wednesday. AFP

"We will allow this, first of all within Gaza during the fighting, and we will certainly allow them to leave Gaza as well," Mr. Netanyahu said. For Palestinians, any effort to force them off their land would recall the 'Nakba', or catastrophe – the mass displacement of Palestinians during Israel's creation in 1948.

Mr. Netanyahu has endorsed Mr. Trump's suggestion this year to expel Gaza's more than two million people to Egypt and Jordan, while far-right Israeli Ministers have called for their "voluntary" departure.

Cairo talks

Israel's plans to expand its offensive into Gaza City come as diplomacy aimed at securing an elusive ceasefire and hostage release deal in the 22-month-old war has stalled for weeks, after the latest round of negotiations broke down in July. Egypt's Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty announced that Cairo was "working very hard now in full cooperation with the Qataris and Americans", aiming for "a ceasefire for 60 days, with the release of some hostages and some Palestinian detainees, and the flow of humanitarian and medical assistance to Gaza without restrictions, without conditions".

Hamas said in a statement early on Wednesday that a delegation of its leadership had arrived in Cairo for "preliminary talks" with Egyptian officials.

A Palestinian source earlier told *AFP* that the mediators were working "to formulate a new comprehensive ceasefire agreement proposal" that would include the release of all remaining hostages in Gaza "in one batch". Mr. Netanyahu said in his interview he would oppose the staggered release of hostages, and instead would "want to return all of them as part of an end to the war – but under our conditions".

Strikes intensified

Mr. Netanyahu's government has not provided an exact timetable on when forces may enter the area, but civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal said on Tuesday that air raids had already begun increasing over the past three days.

Israel is "intensifying its bombardment" using "bombs, drones, and also highly explosive munitions that cause massive destruction", he said.

Mr. Bassal said that Israeli strikes across the territory, including on Gaza City, killed at least 33 people on Tuesday. "The bombardment has been extremely intense for the past two days. With every strike, the ground shakes," said Majed al-Hosary, a resident of Gaza City's Zeitun neighbourhood.

European powers ready to reimpose Iran sanctions

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Britain, France and Germany have told the UN they are ready to reimpose sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme if no diplomatic solution is found by the end of August, according to a joint letter released on Wednesday.

The letter says the three European powers are "committed to use all diplomatic tools at our disposal to ensure Iran does not develop a nuclear weapon".

They have stepped up warnings to Iran about its suspension of cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Myanmar junta committing 'systematic' torture: report

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

UN investigators say they have recorded "systematic" torture in Myanmar's military-run detention facilities including beatings, electric shocks and gang rape.

A report by the UN's Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) released on Tuesday said it had identified "serious abuses during interrogations and in detention facilities". It was based on the testimonies from nearly 600 eyewitnesses.

The report said there had been "systematic commission" of torture including "sexual slavery", the "burning of sexual body parts with cigarettes or burned objects", and finger-nails being pulled out with pliers. It also found evidence "indicating that children – ranging from two to 17 years of age – have been detained, often as proxies for their parents".

Senior General Min Aung

IIMM chief Nicholas Koumjian said the organisation had seen "a continued increase in the frequency and brutality of atrocities" but had made "headway in identifying the perpetrators". "We are working towards the day when the perpetrators will have to answer for their actions in a court of law," he added.

A junta spokesman could not be reached for comment on the allegations laid out in the report.

Myanmar has been consumed by civil war since the military deposed the civilian government in a 2021 coup, with troops fighting an array of guerrillas and ethnic armed groups. The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor has already requested an arrest warrant for junta chief Min Aung Hlaing, who ousted and jailed elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

U.S. briefly deploys two warships to disputed sea after Chinese collision

Associated Press
MANILA

The U.S. deployed two warships on Wednesday in a disputed South China Sea shoal, where two Chinese navy and coast guard ships collided two days ago while trying to drive away a smaller Philippine ship in a high-seas accident captured on video, alarming several Western and Asian countries.

Both China and the Philippines claim Scarborough Shoal and other outcroppings in the South China Sea.

Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan also lay overlapping claims in the contested waters.

The *USS Higgins*, a guided missile destroyer, and *USS Cincinnati*, a littoral combat ship, were shadowed by a Chinese navy ship while sailing about 30 nautical miles (55 km) from the Scarborough Shoal.

The U.S. Navy has staged what it calls freedom of navigation and overflight in the South China Sea for years to challenge China's restrictions and demand for entry notifications in virtually the entire stretch of the disputed waters that it claims. That has angered China and its forces have had close runs-in with U.S. warships and aircraft on such patrols in international waters and airspace.

Russia troops make biggest 24-hour gain in Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

The Russian army made its biggest 24-hour advance into Ukraine in over a year on Tuesday just ahead of the Trump-Putin summit, according to data from the U.S.-based Institute for the Study of War.

The Russian army took or claimed 110 sq. km on August 12 compared to the previous day. It was the most since late May 2024. In recent months, Moscow has typically taken five or six days to progress at such a pace, although Russian advances have accelerated in recent weeks.

The U.S. and Russian Presidents, Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin, are to meet in Alaska on Friday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky acknowledged on Tuesday that Russian troops had advanced by up to 10 km near the eastern coal mining town of Dobropillia, but that Kyiv would soon "destroy them". Russia said on Wednesday that it had taken two villages close to Dobropillia.

Sangli Miraj kupwad City Municipal Corporation
E-TENDER NOTICE NO-05 FOR 2025-26

Sangli Miraj kupwad City Corporation invites e-Tender for the work of Aug. to Sangli Miraj Kupwad City Water Supply Scheme - Providing, installing, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Domestic Mechanical water meters with AMC @ End Users Sangli, Miraj & Kupwad City. in the state of Maharashtra Valued (Without GST) Rs. 946.43 Lakhs The E-Tender details are available on **www.mahatenders.gov.in** from dated **14/08/2025.**

All relevant dates will be as per the tender published in web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in

Date: 13/08/2025 -sd- (Satyam Gandhi), Commissioner
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-Procurement
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The Superintending Engineer, Minor Inigation Division, Keonjhar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate tender through "e" procurement to be received in online mode for the works as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.

Name of work	:	Civil Construction works
No. of Works	:	12 (Twelve) Nos.
Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 321.43 Lakhs
Tender Paper Cost	:	Mentioned in Column No. 6 of Tender call notice
Period of completion	:	04 (Four) & 05 (Five) calendar months
Availability of Bid Documents	:	From 18.08.2025 to 29.08.2025 during office hours in Website (www.tenderorissa.gov.in)
Period of receipt of Bid through online	:	From 18.08.2025 to 29.08.2025 through online.
Date of Opening of Bid Documents	:	At 11.00 A.M. on 30.08.2025 in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, M.I. Division, Keonjhar
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Tender under Two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Super Grade Electrical License issued from KCEI, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work : Providing Power Infrastructure facilities to Kyadiguppa Industrial Area, Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **29.08.2025 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 2
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
Email: dmg-eauction-mines@telangana.gov.in

RFP No. 3255386/MI/RFP/2025 Dated: August, 13th 2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Engagement of a Technical Agency for Identification and Delineation of Mineral Potential Areas (MPAs)

The Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Telangana invites sealed bids from eligible and experienced technical agencies for "Engagement of a Technical Agency for Identification and Delineation of Mineral Potential Areas (MPAs) in the State of Telangana".

The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) document, including information on eligibility criteria, scope of services, time schedule, bid processing fee, EMD/bid security, bidding parameters, submission and evaluation process, terms and conditions, and other relevant details, can be downloaded from the official website:

www.mines.telangana.gov.in
(https://mines.telangana.gov.in/MinesAndGeology/Views/LatestNotifications.aspx)

The start date for availability of the RFP Document is **14.08.2025** and the last date for submission of bids is **28.08.2025 on or before 17:00 hours (IST)**.

Any update, corrigendum, addendum, etc. shall be made available only at the **www.mines.telangana.gov.in**
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No.BBMP/EE/BPD/Tend-14/2025-26 Date: 12.08.2025

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The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, invites tender from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent Registration with/KPWD/CPWD/ BWSSB/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Govt. Organisation for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1.	Improvements to Play Ground at Nyanapanahalli Bande in Ward No.175, Bommanahalli Constituency. Estimated Amount (Lakhs): 325.00, EMD (₹. in Lakhs): 3,25,000/-.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents can be Downloaded from : **18.08.2025. (2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **22.08.2025 at 11:00 a.m. (3)** Last date for submission of tender documents on or before **28.08.2025 at 4:00 p.m. (4)** Tender will be opened on **29.08.2025 at 4:30 p.m.** onwards.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, BBMP.

FINDING THE BALANCE

Countries may go bankrupt if forced to play Test cricket: CA CEO

IANS

Cricket Australia CEO Todd Greenberg said on Wednesday that a slimmer Test calendar could benefit smaller nations because the five-day game was better "where it means something." "We're trying to send countries bankrupt if we force them to try to play Test cricket. We need to make sure we invest in the right spaces".

UNPERTURBED

Australia not bothered about England sledging: Boland

CA

Australia pacer Scott Boland said on Wednesday that the hosts will be unfazed by any England aggression when the Ashes rivals clash later this year. "They [England] can do whatever they want when they're playing. So yeah, if they want to sledge, that's fine. I don't think it's going to worry our guys too much".

STELLAR DUO

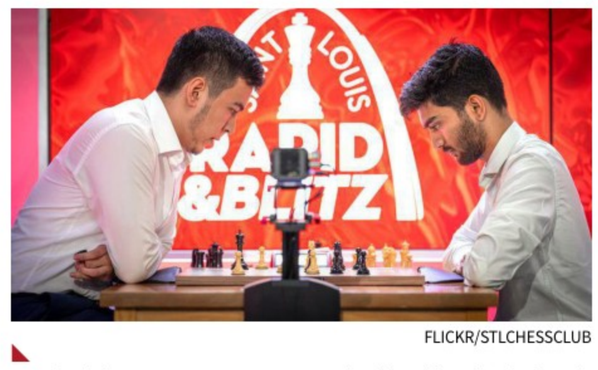
Rohit rises to second; Gill retains top spot in ODI rankings

PTI

Rohit Sharma has risen to the No. 2 spot in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batters released on Wednesday. With 756 rating points, Rohit sits just behind India's Test captain Shubman Gill (784 points). Babar Azam slipped to No. 3 while Virat Kohli held the fourth position with 736 points.

MIXED RESULTS

Gukesh draws two games, suffers one loss; Caruana takes the lead



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D. Gukesh lost one game against Sam Shankland (USA) in the fourth round and drew two games — against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Nodirbek Abdusattorov — at the St. Louis Rapid and Blitz chess tournament. He is now placed fifth. Fabiano Caruana, who had a lone draw, leads the standings with 10 points.

Rohith Krishna is India's 89th GM

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Rohith Krishna.

Rohith Krishna S. has always been good in academics. He, however, felt the pursuit of excellence in education slowed down his quest to become a chess Grandmaster. Yet, he kept his focus and, on Tuesday, became the 89th Indian GM. He did that with a win over IM Artur Davtyan of Romania in the final round of the Almaty Masters Qonaev Cup in Kazakhstan to secure six points out of nine.

The 19-year-old, a third-year engineering student in Chennai, knows that his journey has just begun.

Speaking to *The Hindu* from Dubai, Rohith, who will be taking part in the Abu Dhabi International tournament beginning on August 15, said: "Finally achieved the dream of becoming a Grandmaster – one I have pursued since 2013 – has brought me immense relief and joy.

"I will always remember my friends, family, and mentors who stood by me in difficult times, encouraging me to never give up. This is not the end – it is just the beginning of a longer journey ahead."

Rohith acknowledged the support of his school and college (Sunshine, Velachery, and SSN) – that made the path to becoming a GM relatively smooth.

"At times, I felt the pressure of not achieving the Grandmaster title as quickly as I expected since balancing academics and chess was never easy. However, the support of The Sunshine School and SSN College kept me motivated to excel in both," he said, thanking the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu for its financial assistance.

K. Visweswaran, head coach of Kameswaran Chess Academy, Chennai, who has been training Rohith since 2019, said his ward wanted to achieve excellence in both academics and chess, and it was a conscious decision.

"He invested two years for school (Std. XI and XII) and one year in college (SSN) to get accustomed to the environment. Rohith looks at life holistically," he said.

"Rohith is a diligent and patient player. He is tactically sharp and quick to capitalise on the opponent's mistakes. Now with the GM pressure off his back, he can go for tournament wins," he added.

Impressive Keymer extends his advantage to 1.5 points

Ailing Arjun settles for a draw with Anish; Karthikeyan puts it past Vidit; Nihal gets the better of Robson; Pranav battles to hold van Foreest; Pranesh and Leon share top spot in the Challengers

CHESS

C. Shyam Sundar
CHENNAI

Gritty show: In an all-Indian contest, Karthikeyan wore down the higher-rated Vidit in 72 moves. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Vincent Keymer just keeps getting better.

The German GM was in his element, beating American Awonder Liang to notch up his fourth victory on Wednesday and extend his lead in the Masters section of the Quantbox Chennai Grandmasters chess tournament to 1.5 points with just two rounds to play.

With top seed Arjun Erigaisi, suffering from the effects of a cold, settling for a quick draw against the Netherlands' Anish Giri, the impressive Keymer took a huge step towards the top prize, picking up a full point with black pieces.

"I mean, I don't think it's a secret because he coughs a little bit. So, he has some throat issue. Hopefully, it's not a big deal.

"But I can imagine that you can't perform at your best when you have such an issue," said the Dutchman after the match.

Star of the day

The star of the day was Chennai's own Karthikeyan Murali, who wore down the higher-rated Vidit Gujrathi in a 72-move contest.

V. Pranav, the current World junior champion, defended superbly from a seemingly lost position to hold Dutch GM Jorden van Foreest in 98 moves.

Laudable

The 18-year-old Chennai lad, at 2597 ELO, the lowest-rated player in the Masters event, continued his impressive run after having previously held Anish and Arjun to draws.

Nihal Sarin bounced back after Tuesday's loss to get the better of American Ray Robson to take his tally to three points.

In the Challengers section, M. Pranesh outclassed a struggling R. Vaishali to share the lead with Leon Luke Mendonca, a winner over Diptayan Ghosh, on 5.5 points.

Abhimanyu Puranik, who split the point with Aryan Chopra, trails the leaders by half-a-point.

The results (seventh round):
Masters: Vidit Gujrathi (3) lost to Karthikeyan Murali (4), Arjun Erigaisi (4) drew with Anish Giri (3.5), Awonder Liang (USA, 3.5) lost to Vincent Keymer (Ger, 5.5), Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 3.5) drew with V. Pranav (2.5), Nihal Sarin (2) bt Ray Robson (USA, 2.5).
Challengers: D. Harika (1.5) lost to G. B. Harshavardhan (3), M Pranesh (5.5) bt R. Vaishali (1), Aryan Chopra (2) drew with Abhimanyu Puranik (5), Diptayan Ghosh (3.5) lost to Leon Luke Mendonca (5.5), Pa. Iniyan (4) drew with B. Adhiban (4).
Eighth round pairings:
Masters:
Karthikeyan vs. Nihal, Pranav vs. Robson, Keymer vs. van Foreest, Anish vs. Awonder, Vidit vs. Arjun.
Challengers:
Harshavardhan vs. Adhiban, Mendonca vs. Iniyan, Abhimanyu vs. Diptayan, Vaishali vs. Aryan, Harika vs. Pranesh.

Unscathed: Anish feels he is lucky to have shared the point in all the games in the Chennai tournament. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

Anish not fazed with his sequence of draws

C. Shyam Sundar
CHENNAI

Anish Giri is known to play solid chess with a tight technique and has a reputation for being a 'drawish' player. His 14-draw performance at the Candidates tournament in 2016 saw him being dubbed as a player with a penchant for splitting the point.

The 31-year-old Dutchman, once ranked No. 3 in the world, has lived up to that 'reputation' at the ongoing Quantbox Chennai Grandmasters tournament, so to speak. Though he drew all his seven games here, Anish didn't seem too worked up about it.

"Slightly crazy games, but not decisive. I am actually lucky that I have all draws, because I had one chance against V. Pranav that I ruined it in one move.

"Otherwise, I was on the verge of defeat two times and was very lucky not to lose to Nihal (Sarin) and Vidit (Gujrathi)," he said during an interaction on Wednesday.

"But I think, you know, you have to be very patient in these tournaments. Of course, winning is no longer possible... but still the difference between a good and bad tournament can be one game," said Anish.

"If you win one game, it's fine. If you lose one game, it's bad. The margins are so small in these kind of tournaments."

Mental strain

Asked if playing back-to-back Classical games, like in this tournament, was tough, he said, "I don't think it's physically tough, but mentally yes..."

The seasoned GM was all praise for German Vincent Keymer, who has been in impressive form in the tournament, and said he is one of the many contenders for the top prize in the sport (World championship).

Praise for Indians

Indian GMs R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi and Uzbek Nodirbek Abdusattorov among others could also be vying for top honours, he added.

Gambhir's pep talk takes Akash to new heights

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Brimming with potential: Gambhir told Akash the latter wasn't aware of his true capabilities. PTI

A coach who believed in him more than himself, a captain who supported him when the chips were down, and conditions that felt more like home than away – India pacer Akash Deep says his maiden but impactful tour of England was rather smooth.

A 10-wicket match-haul in one game and a half-century in another, both in winning causes, summed up Akash's performance. And he can't forget what head coach Gautam Gambhir told him after his 66 at The Oval.

"*Tumko khud pata nahi tum kya kar sakte ho* (You aren't aware of your capabilities). 'See, I was telling you, you can do it. You have to play with this dedication always'", the 29-year-old recollected.

"Gautam *bhai* believes in me more than I believe in myself, both in my batting and bowling," Akash gushed.

The Bengal speedster says Test skipper Shubman Gill is calm yet brimming with on-field ideas. "He is a very good captain. He has already been an IPL captain for a couple of years, which is a big platform. That experience does count," he said.

Akash, for the better part of the England series, felt that he was playing on sub-continental tracks with negligible movement for pacers.

"In Australia, there was a lot of bounce and carry and I tried keeping it slightly back of length or at times pitch it up. However, in four out of the five Tests that we played in England, it didn't resemble the typical English wickets."

When asked about concerns around his fitness after he missed games in both the tours of Australia and England due to niggles, Akash said he was doing his best to be in good shape.

"The on-field impact injuries can't be avoided. If you have to dive to save a boundary, you have to do it. Yes, if it is fitness and training related injuries, the aim is to minimise them as much as possible".

India gets the nod from IOA to host the 2030 CWG

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Wednesday formally approved the country's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games during its Special General Meeting (SGM) here with its top officials saying that India would host an "inclusive" edition featuring all "medal-earning" sports.

India had already submitted an Expression of Interest for the 2030 CWG with Ahmedabad as the host city. But the nation will have to submit the proposals for the final bid before August 31.

IOA president P.T. Usha said along with Ahmedabad, 2010 hosts Delhi and Bhubaneswar will also be considered.

"I'm happy it was a unanimous decision. Our preparations will go ahead. We can't tell whether Ahmedabad is the host city. We have good facilities in Bhubaneswar and even in Delhi," said the IOA president.

SNAPSHOTS

India-A women pip Australia-A in opener

BRISBANE: Yastika Bhatia hit a fifty in a tricky run chase as India-A scampered to a three-wicket win over its Australian counterparts in the first women's one-day match here on Wednesday.

Earlier, left-arm spinner Radha Yadav starred with a three for 45 as India-A bundled out Australia-A for 214, and then chased down the target in 42 overs with Yastika leading the visitors' charge.

India now leads the three-match series 1-0.

The scores:

Australia-A 214 in 47.5 overs (Learyod 92 n.o, Trenaman 51, Radha 3/45) lost to India-A 215/7 in 42 overs (Yastika Bhatia 59, Shafali Verma 36).

Toss: India-A.

The architect: Yastika's 70-ball 59 was instrumental in India-A chasing down Australia-A's modest total. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

AFI to focus on shorter relays with an eye on 2026 Asian Games

NEW DELHI: While the focus for a long time in Indian athletics has been on one-lap runners and their relay events, the AFI is now turning its attention to shorter distances.

With an eye on the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, the Athletics Federation of India has decided to select eight best athletes each in the men's and women's 100m to prepare the 4x100m relay teams in men, women and mixed events.

Athletes interested in being part of the relay teams will have to mandatorily participate in the upcoming 64th National inter-State senior athletics championships in Chennai from August 20 to 24.

However, the final selection of athletes for the teams will be done on the basis of their performances at the 64th National open athletics championships in Ranchi next month (September 27-30).

As per the AFI circular, while the top-six will be selected on merit from the competition, the remaining two will be selected on the basis of their overall performance and potential across the two competitions and other major events through the year.

Those selected will have to train together and only those who agree to it will be included. While the men's relay team will train at the Reliance Academy in Mumbai – all the top Indian male sprinters are Reliance trainees – the women's 4x100m relay team will be based at the National Centre of Excellence, Thiruvananthapuram, as per AFI secretary Sandeep Mehta.

The Asian Games is scheduled from September 19-October 4 next year.

FC Goa joins Bagan in AFC Champions League Two group stage

MARGAO: Indian Super League side FC Goa beat Al Seeb Club of Oman 2-1 on Wednesday at the Fatorda Stadium to qualify for the 2025-26 AFC Champions League Two group stage.

The Gaurs join Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the continental tournament's group stage after the Mariners clinched the 2024-25 Indian Super League Shield to get the direct qualification slot.

The result: FC Goa 2 (Dejan Drazic 24, Javier Siverio 52) bt Al Seeb 1 (Nasser Al-Rawahi 60.

INBRIEF

Arora goes down in the bronze medal playoff

India's Shivam Arora, the world No. 5, suffered a heart-breaking loss in the mixed heyball bronze medal playoff at the World Games at Chengdu (China) on Wednesday. In a match of small margins, Arora, after being 2-1 up, lost 4-5 to giant-killer Tang Chunxiao of China. In the semifinals, the Indian went down 3-5 to another Chinese Zhang Taiyi.

RookTook, STAIRS Foundation to launch Indian Chess League

RookTook, an online chess platform, has partnered with a STAIRS (Society for Transformation, Inclusion & Recognition through Sports) to launch an Indian Chess League and strengthen the sport's ecosystem in the country with a slew of initiatives, including identifying and nurturing the underprivileged young talents.

Kiran to coach West Zone in Duleep Trophy

Former Mumbai batter Kiran Powar was on Wednesday named the head coach of the West Zone squad for the Duleep Trophy, which begins on August 28 at the new BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Former Gujarat wicketkeeper-batter Pallav Vora has been named the assistant coach. West Zone and South Zone, the finalists of the last zonal version of the competition in 2023-24, will begin their campaign in the semifinal stage while the other four teams will start with the quarterfinals.

City's Grealish joins Everton on season-long loan

Manchester City winger Jack Grealish joined Everton on loan for the 2025-26 season on Tuesday in a bid to salvage his troubled career. Everton's deal for Grealish, who earns a reported £300,000 per week, comes just before the new Premier League campaign starts for Toffees at Leeds on Aug. 18. In another development, Newcastle signed Germany defender Malick Thiaw from AC Milan.

Surender Reddy elected HRC chairperson

R. Surender Reddy was unanimously elected as the chairperson of the Hyderabad Race Club (HRC) at the 54th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday (Aug. 13). The following were elected directors/stewards of HRC: N.V.R. Narasimha Reddy, V. Krishna Das, Col. S.B. Nair and R. Rajesh.

Venus receives singles wildcard for U.S. Open

Venus Williams will make her return to Grand Slam tennis at the U.S. Open after a two-year absence, receiving a wild-card invitation on Wednesday to compete in singles at Flushing Meadows at the age of 45. The American will be the oldest entrant in singles at the tournament since Renee Richards was 47 in 1981, according to the International Tennis Federation. Venus had already been given a wild-card entry by the U.S. Tennis Association for next week's mixed doubles competition.

LIVE TELECAST

Tennis: Cincinnati Open, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

Jamil parts ways with JFC, pens a two-year deal as the India head coach

He will begin his first training camp on August 15 in Bengaluru; the 48-year-old says he is 'deeply proud and immensely privileged' to be given the responsibility

FOOTBALL

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Wednesday said Khalid Jamil has taken charge of the senior men's team on a full-time basis for a period of two years, with an option to extend by one year depending on results.

The AIFF said Jamil has signed the contract after parting ways with the Indian Super League club Jamshedpur FC.

Jamil will begin his first training camp on August 15 at the Dravid-Padukone Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru.

His first assignment with the Blue Tigers will be the CAFA Nations Cup, where India will face hosts Tajikistan (August 29), Iran (September 1) and Afghanistan (September 4) in Group B. In the October FIFA Window, India will play two crucial AFC Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers against Singapore (Oct. 9 and 14).

Up for it: Jamil's first assignment with the Blue Tigers will be the CAFA Nations Cup. AIFF

"I am both deeply proud and immensely privileged to have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading our national team," Jamil said.

"Over the years, I've had the opportunity to train Indian players, and I've grown to understand their strengths and weaknesses intimately.

"These insights will be fundamental to everything we do as we prepare for the CAFA Nations Cup and the upcoming Asian Cup Qualifiers against Singapore."

The 48-year-old replaced Manolo Marquez, whose contract was terminated by the AIFF last month.

Experienced

Jamil, the first Indian to coach the men's national team since Savio Medeira in 2012, has extensive coaching experience in the ISL and the I-League, managing clubs like Jamshedpur FC, NorthEast United FC, Aizawl FC, East Bengal FC, Mohun Bagan AC and Mumbai FC.

He sensationally led Aizawl FC to a historic I-League title in 2016-17.

The 48-year-old's most recent spell with Jamshedpur FC saw the Red Miners reach the final of the Super Cup 2025, and the semifinals of the ISL playoffs 2024-25 and the Super Cup 2024.

Sealing the deal: Seales' inspired spell propelled his side towards a historic series win. AFP

Hope, Seales help WI break 34-year jinx against Pakistan

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
TAROUBA

An inspired Jayden Seales led the West Indies to a 202-run victory over Pakistan in the third and deciding ODI here on Tuesday.

The pacer blew away the Pakistan top order en route to figures of six for 18 as the tourists were bundled out for just 92 in a chase of 295. The Windies had reached 294 for six in their 50 overs batting first, powered by captain Shai Hope's brilliant unbeaten hundred.

The Caribbean side sealed a much-needed first ODI series win against Pakistan since 1991.

Pakistan's reply got off to a horrendous start as Seales removed Saim Ayub, Abdullah Shafique and Mohammad Rizwan inside the first three overs to reduce it to eight for three.

Seales then trapped Babar Azam leg before for just nine. Left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie took two wickets in the middle overs, before Seales returned to complete a six-for.

The scores: West Indies 294/6 in 50 overs (Hope 120 n.o. Greaves 43, Lewis 37) bt Pakistan 92 in 29.2 overs (Seales 6/18).
Toss: Pakistan. **PoM**: Hope.
PoS: Seales.

Gulveer betters own 3,000m National mark

ATHLETICS

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's Gulveer Singh bettered his own National record in a non-Olympic men's 3000m race while finishing fifth at the Gyulai Istvan Memorial - Hungarian Athletics Grand Prix in Budapest.

He clocked 7m 34.49s on Tuesday night to eclipse the previous record of 7.38.26 set at the Boston University David Hemery Valentine Invitational meet in February this year.

The 27-year-old Gulveer was competing in his first track race in Europe. The meet in Budapest is a World Athletics Continental Tour gold level event, the highest in the class.

Gulveer also owns National records in men's 5000m (12:59.77) and 10,000m (27:00.22).

Gulveer. FILE PHOTO: SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

He is also the reigning Asian champion in both the 5000m and 10,000m races, having won gold medals in the continental championships in May.

He has already qualified for the men's 5000m race in the World Athletics Championships to be held in Tokyo from September 13 to 21.

Taha and Rakshith excel in Tigers' exciting win

MAHARAJA TROPHY

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MYSURU

S. Rakshith hit an unbeaten 18 (6b, 1x4, 2x6) to knock off the requisite 18 runs in the final over to take Hubli Tigers to a thrilling two-wicket win over Bengaluru Blasters here on Wednesday. Tigers lead the table with two straight wins.

A daunting target of 226 was achieved thanks to opener Mohammad Taha, who scored his second straight century (101, 54b, 9x4, 7x6), and added 83 with Abhinav Manohar (33, 17b, 2x4, 2x6) for the fourth wicket. Off-spinner Mohsin Khan took two for 24 for Blasters.

Earlier, put into bat, Blasters notched up 225 for six in its 20 overs riding on opener Rohan Patil's 80 (43b, 8x4, 5x6). Tigers' leg-spinner Yashraj Punja scalped three for 43.

I did it! Rakshith is ecstatic after smashing 18 runs in the final over. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The scores: Bengaluru Blasters 225/6 in 20 overs (Rohan Patil 80, K.C. Cariappa 2/25, Yashraj Punja 3/43) lost to Hubli Tigers 228/8 in 20 overs (Mohd. Taha 101, Abhinav Manohar 33, Mohsin Khan 2/24).
Toss: Tigers; **PoM:** Taha.
On Tuesday: Mysore Warriors 184/9 in 20 overs (S.U. Karthik 36, M. Venkatesh 77, Harshil Dharmani 40, Monish Reddy 2/30, Lavish Kaushal 3/38) lost to Gulbarga Mystics 187/2 in 18 overs (S.J. Nikin Jose 52 n.o., Prajwal Pawan 45, R.Smaran 52 n.o.).
Toss: Warriors; **PoM:** Nikin Jose.

Diakite.

Bournemouth ropes in Diakite to replace Zabarnyi

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Bournemouth completed the signing of centre-back Bafode Diakite from Lille on Wednesday to help fill the void left by Illia Zabarnyi's move to Paris Saint-Germain.

Diakite will reportedly cost up to £34.6 million, making him the Cherries second most expensive ever signing after striker Evanilson's arrival last year.

Sehrawat named Thalaivas skipper

Season's look: Tamil Thalaivas' Rathee, CEO Shushen Vashishth, Sehrawat, Deshwal, head coach Baliyan, assistant coach Suresh Kumar, Nitesh, and Shafaghi at the launch of team jersey. R. RAVINDRAN

PKL

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

Tamil Thalaivas unveiled its jersey and announced Pawan Sehrawat as the captain, for the upcoming twelfth season of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL), here on Wednesday. Arjun Deshwal was named the vice-captain.

Sehrawat, who was with Thalaivas in the ninth season but was unable to play much due to an injury, said he was 'excited' to play for Thalaivas in front of the home crowd in Chennai this season.

Assistant coach Suresh Kumar said that the team was fortunate to get Sehrawat in the auction.

"We needed an experienced star raider who could be the captain as well. There were only a few outstanding raiders in the auction. We were doubtful if we would be able to get Pawan. We got lucky. That too, we got him for an amount which was cheaper than what we had anticipated the winning bid to be, which in turn enabled us to get Arjun as well," said Suresh Kumar.

Talking about the team's preparation, he said: "Since July 15, we've had a camp at the Ponneri Gymkhana Club. It ends on August 27. Two days after the camp began, we entered and won an All-India tournament in Tuticorin. We wanted to provide exposure to the inexperienced players and get a hang of the squad's capacity. We played without Pawan and Arjun. That win, after having contested against some good teams, boosted the confidence of our squad."

UP Yoddhas appoints Sangwan as captain

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

UP Yoddhas on Wednesday appointed star defender Sumit Sangwan as captain and Ashu Singh as his deputy for the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12.

Both Sumit (26) and Ashu (27) began their journeys with UP Yoddhas as young players in Season 7, and have since evolved into pillars of the team.

Patna Pirates appointed Ankit Jaglan as its skipper and Deepak Singh as the vice-captain

Yoddhas squad: Raiders: Guman Singh, Dong Geon Lee, Pranay Rane, Bhavani Rajput, Surender Gill, Gagan Gowda, Shivam Choudhary, Keshav Kumar, Jatin Singh. **Defenders:** Mohammadreza Kaboudrahangi, Mahender Singh, Ronak Nain, Sumit Sangwan (capt.), Ashu Singh (vice-capt.), Sahul Kumar, Hitesh Kadiyan, Jayesh Mahajan, Gangaram, Sachin Manipal.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Vidyashilp Academy to take on Chinmaya Vidyalaya for honours

Vidyashilp Academy thrashed Baldwin Boys 5-1 to enter the final of the Centenary Shield (U-17) section of the St. Joseph's BHS inter-school hockey tournament here on Wednesday. In the summit clash, it will meet Chinmaya Vidyalaya, which overcame St. Joseph's Boys High School 5-3 on penalties.

The results (semifinals): Centenary Shield (U-17): Vidyashilp Academy 5 (Ekansh Sharma 6, Naman Nair 23, Pranith G. Gadia 36, Ishanth A. Gowda 45, 48) bt Baldwin Boys 1 (Ryan Antony 42); Chinmaya Vidyalaya 1 (Prabas 28) bt St. Joseph's BHS 1 (Surya Subbaiah Pandanda 22) [5-3 on penalties]. **Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial (U-14):** Vidyashilp Academy 1 (Arrush Malik 26) bt Chinmaya Vidyalaya 0; St. Joseph's BHS 1 (Ryan E. Varghese 13) bt Baldwin Boys 1 (Rayan Khan 29) [3-2 on penalties].

Direwolves post win

Coorg Direwolves edged out Bangalore United HC, winning a penalty shoot-out 4-1, in the D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here on Wednesday.

The results: Karnataka Forest Sports Promotion Society (KFSPS) 3 (Darshan 9, 22, Mithun Bijawad 41) bt Adhiyamaan College of Engineering 3 (M. Ajies Rahuman 6, 43, Sivaraman Sasidharan 29) [3-1 after shootout]; Coorg Direwolves HC 3 (Shubham Chittiappa 33, 37, Chinnappa 30) bt Bangalore United HC 3 (Bharath 24, Vivek 32, 47) [4-1 after shootout].

Kajol, Maiyammal do the 'trick as Kickstart FC routs Pink Panther

Kajol D'Souza and Maiyammal Balamurugan scored a hat-trick each as Kickstart FC walloped past Pink Panther 12-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Wednesday.

The results: Kickstart FC 12 (Kajol D'Souza 8, 40, 53, Mariyammal Balamurugan 13, 26, 35, Kiran Pusda 39, Laishram Bibicha Devi 50, Aarushi Santhosh 54, 68, 87, Ipham Romina Begum 85) bt Pink Panther FC 0; Pass FC 1 (Aabha Kudale 7 (OG)) drew with Bengaluru FC 1 (Palak 71).

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PL teams to observe a minute's silence in memory of Jota

Associated Press
LONDON

The Premier League teams will observe a moment's silence during the first round of matches this weekend in memory of Liverpool forward Diogo Jota and his brother Andre Silva, the competition confirmed. The League has spoken to Liverpool about the most appropriate way to remember Jota, who passed away in a car accident alongside his brother in Spain in July.

In addition to period of silence, players of all clubs will be given black armbands, while messaging and imagery will be shared on big screens.

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Lakshya drawn to face top-ranked Shi in World championships opener

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
PARIS

Lakshya Sen will open his campaign against World No. 1 Shi Yu Qi of China as Indian shuttlers were on Wednesday handed challenging draws for the World Championships, starting here on August 25.

It will be the fifth meeting between the two shuttlers, with Shi holding a 3-1 lead in head-to-head record against the Indian, who won bronze in the 2021 edition.

Former Commonwealth Games gold medallist Lakshya has struggled to rediscover his touch since the semifinal loss at the Paris Olympics last year.

Another men's singles bronze medallist H.S. Prannoy will open against lower-ranked Joakim Oldorff of Finland, but a likely second-round clash with World No. 2 Anders Antonsen of Denmark awaits the Indian World No. 34.

Tough going: Lakshya has struggled to rediscover his touch since the semifinal loss at the Olympics last year. GETTY IMAGES

In women's singles, five-time medallist P.V. Sindhu, now ranked No. 15, starts her campaign against World No. 66 Kaloyana Nalbantova of Bulgaria. However, the 2019 champion, who has struggled for form recently, could meet World No. 2 Wang Zhi Yi of China in the round of 16.

The top Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have received a first-round bye. In the second round, they will face either compatriots Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruben Kumar, or Chinese Taipei's Liu Kuang Heng and Yang Po Han.

But a potential round-of-16 clash looms against World No. 6 Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang, who lead the Indians 6-2 in head-to-head meetings.

If they get past the Chinese duo, Satwik and Chirag could run into their long-time foes, Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, who have beaten them 11 times in 14 encounters, including in the Olympics quarterfinals.

However, it has been a season of steady performances for the World No. 3 pair, which has made the semifinals at the India Open, Singapore Open, and Malaysia Open, besides reaching the quarterfinals at the Indonesia Open.

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